

Tabuk pilgrim city examined Port considered for N. Region

AL-WEJH, March 7. (SPA) -- Studies are underway to build a port in the Northern Province, Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid said. The port will be constructed either in Al-Wejh or in Daba city, he added. The development of the Kingdom's northern gateway in Halat Ammar is also under consideration, Prince Abdul Majid said. Moreover, officials are examining the possibility of building a pilgrim city in Tabuk out of the current year's budget. Funds have also been allocated for a new road to link Daba with Al-Wajh. In the meantime, work has already started in the Daba/Tabuk road. Prince Abdul Majid said that King Khaled's decision to restore expropriated

land to its owners at Al-Nazla Al-Shamaleya district and the subsequent banding of applications to the landlords in Al-Wejh had been greatly appreciated by the citizens. The King also ordered that a committee be set up and composed of ten ministries to prepare a report on the area's needs. The committee already met and submitted its report to the King.

The governor said there are studies also to develop the area's agriculture. Next year, a number of agricultural projects will be examined to benefit from the area's fertile soil. A SR10 million central market is also planned, among others, and the vegetable market in Tabuk is to be expanded.

Soon, limited income residents will be allocated some 8,000 land plots. The rest of the 25,000 requests will be satisfied as soon as the infrastructure will be ready, the prince said. Other projects include a rural complex in Al-Bad'e, between Haql and Daba; and other complexes in Tabuk under next year's budget.

A television relay station will be opened within the coming few weeks in Amlaj. Similar ones will be built in Al-Wejh, Daba and Haql under the coming budget. Prince Abdul Majid hinted that Crown Prince Fahd will soon tour the area to acquaint himself with the area's requirements and fulfil the people's wishes.

Charity work highlighted

Seminar discusses women's social role

By Raana Siddiqi
JEDDAH, March 7 — A two-day seminar sponsored by Al-Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society concluded at the Sheraton Hotel here Thursday.

For the first time, all women's welfare groups in the Kingdom jointly discussed subjects of mutual interest. More than 200 women, including members of the royal family and other prominent personalities, were invited to the first session Wednesday.

Princess Hissa bint Khaled, president of Al-Faisaliyah Society, opened the seminar with a speech, in which she welcomed the delegates. She especially sent a warm welcome to Effat, King Faisal's widow who was represented at the seminar by her daughter Princess Sarah Al-Faisal.

Princess Hissa described Effat as a pioneer of social work among women in the Kingdom, as she was the first to establish a women's society in the country.

She said the aim of organizing the seminar is to reinforce contacts among the women's societies, to exchange views and suggestions and to benefit from those who earlier worked in the social field. She added that the aim of promoting contacts among the women's societies is to educate the society on their importance and role in uplifting Saudi Arabian women and enlightening them on their

legitimate right to social work. Prince Hissa said further that the state has been doing a lot for women, but they must themselves be conscious of their role in the building of the society, according to the injunctions of the faith.

Effat's speech was read by Princess Sarah Al-Faisal, which was followed by a speech from Prince Fahd bin Sultan, deputy minister for social welfare. It was read by Miss Amaal Qabel, director of women's social supervision of the Western Province.

In its Thursday session, the seminar made certain recommendations, which included the setting up of clubs, launching of campaigns for educating the society on charitable work and promoting the project of "payment of one riyal" to boost the society's funds for charitable projects.

The seminar recommended social service in rural and remote areas, cooperation among the women's societies, establishment of joint projects, raising of annual aids from the Ministry of Social Welfare and requesting the ministry to give 100 per cent aid to boost construction projects.

The seminar further recommended that the ministry pay the salaries of permanent posts at the societies and give authority to its branch offices in routine works. Other recommendations included benefit from

Zakat (alms) and meat of animals sacrificed on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha.

The seminar also suggested that charitable societies be approached to assist the welfare societies and a welfare supplement be issued in one of the newspapers of the Kingdom. Besides Princess Hissa, other members of the royal family who attended the seminar included Princess Sarah bint Faisal, Princess Lu'la bint Faisal, Princess Mu'ndhi bint Mansour and Princess Naifa Al Saud.

Officials promote fruit production

JEDDAH, March 7 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water is encouraging industrialists to invest in food producing plants, according to the director general of the Western Region, Asad Jamjoom.

He is particularly thinking in terms of green houses for vegetable and fruit-growing which give a high rate of yield, of which some can be canned.

Speaking to *Al-Medina* Saturday, Jamjoom said the world-be investors should make careful feasibility studies before acting, especially with regard to the amount of water that they will need for large-scale projects of the kind. They must consult with the ministry so that they may be quite sure they will get all the water they need.

Murderer beheaded

ABHA, March 7 (SPA) — A confessed murderer was beheaded here Friday after the noon prayers. Hadi bin Saleh bin Raqe'e A-Qahran committed premeditated murder by firing two shots from a rifle into Ali bin Raqe'e bin Mas'oud that killed him instantly.

The security forces arrested the murderer. An Interior Ministry statement reiterated that the state is intent on eradicating crime and that it will beat with an iron fist the hand of whomever dares disturb peace and order.

Visiting U.S. professor discusses literature

RIYADH, March 7 — Doctor Charles R. Anderson, professor emeritus of American Literature at Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, Maryland, USA, visited Riyadh from February 28 to March 4 and gave a series of lectures on American Literature at Riyadh University.

During his visit, Dr. Anderson also delivered a public lecture entitled *What Makes American Literature American?* Following the lecture, which illustrated the characteristics that differentiated American literature from British literature, a panel discussion was held. In addition to Dr. Anderson, the panel included Dr. Izzat Khattab of Riyadh University and Dr. Frank Taylor of the British Council. Dr. Ali Hejazi, Chairman of English at Riyadh University, was the moderator.

Dr. Anderson, who began his teaching career in 1927 at the University of Georgia, has been professor of American Literature at Johns Hopkins since 1941. Additionally, he has taught abroad in Germany, Italy, and Japan. Under the sponsorship of the American government, he has lectured in Malaysia, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines; his current

trip has taken him to India, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Thailand. He is making his first trip to Saudi Arabia, where in addition to his lectures in Riyadh, he spoke in Jeddah and Dhahran.

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BRIEFS

W. German official arrives

JEDDAH, March 7 (SPA) — Eugene W. Molin, member of the foreign relations and defense affairs committees of West Germany's Bundestag, arrived here Friday evening. He was met at the airport by Sheikh Hussein Marzouqi, deputy chief of protocol at the Foreign Ministry, and the German ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Arabic teachers seminar

MEDINA, March 7 (SPA) — The first seminar for Arabic teachers to non-Arabic speaking students opened here Saturday. The six-day seminar is jointly organized by the Arab Gulf Education Bureau and Medina Islamic University's Arabic Language Faculty.

Koran copies ordered

JEDDAH, March 7 — King Khaled has ordered the printing of 200,000 copies of the meaning of the Koran at his own expense to be distributed in some African countries in their native languages. The Muslim World League will handle the operation and distribute the books.

Heavy rains fall

MECCA, March 7 — Heavy rains fell here and in Taif during the greater part of Friday. Observers said they were in the heaviest in five years and teams of civil defense men, equipped with pumps had to be deployed to clear the water which, in some places, rose to 50 centimeters above street level.

Television stations awarded

RIYADH, March 7 — The Information Ministry has invited specialist companies to carry out the construction of television stations in each of Hail, Hofuf, Tabuk, Zulfi and

Hafr Al Batten in addition to larger projects for Medina and Qasim.

Diplomatic relations established

JEDDAH, March 7 — Saudi Arabia and the Maldives have decided to establish full diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, it was announced here Saturday. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the two countries aimed at consolidating their bonds of friendship and cooperation in every possible field.

Finnish minister visiting

RIYADH, March 7 — The Industry Minister of Finland who is visiting the country, held talks Saturday with the Deputy Minister of Planning Dr. Faisal Bashir. They discussed topics related to development plans and the possibilities of promoting industrial cooperation.

Peanuts show promise

HASA, March 7 — Experiments have shown that peanuts can be successfully cultivated here according to officials of the agricultural ministry. They have also given away large amounts of seeds for experimental farming in the region in addition to 2,000 nursery plants.



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COMMENT
By Muhammad Abdul Rahman
Al Yam

Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid praised *Al Yam* in a press conference in Al-Wajh for its comprehensive coverage of life in the Kingdom's remote areas. In this connection, we can only say that *Al Yam* committed itself to this task out of its conviction that life in remote areas reflects the real environment of the inhabitants.

In its coverage, the paper did not concentrate on top officials or their press statements, but worked in the fields to bring out the realities of life. It made press reports to depict the real life of people living in those areas. The members of its staff went everywhere to give a good coverage to the events.

Al Yam believes that the realities it tries to uncover are found neither in the ministries nor in other government departments but, in fact, at the work sites, in the dwellings, in streets, in rural areas, in villages, at seaport and airports, etc. We believe that such a type of work invariably calls for more and more sacrifice, labor and the search for reality, even if one has to dig it out from under the ground.

Prince Abdul Majid's commendation will, in fact, provide us an impetus to exert more efforts to be as close to the citizens as possible, no matter whether we have to get in touch with them at work sites or their houses or even at public facilities.

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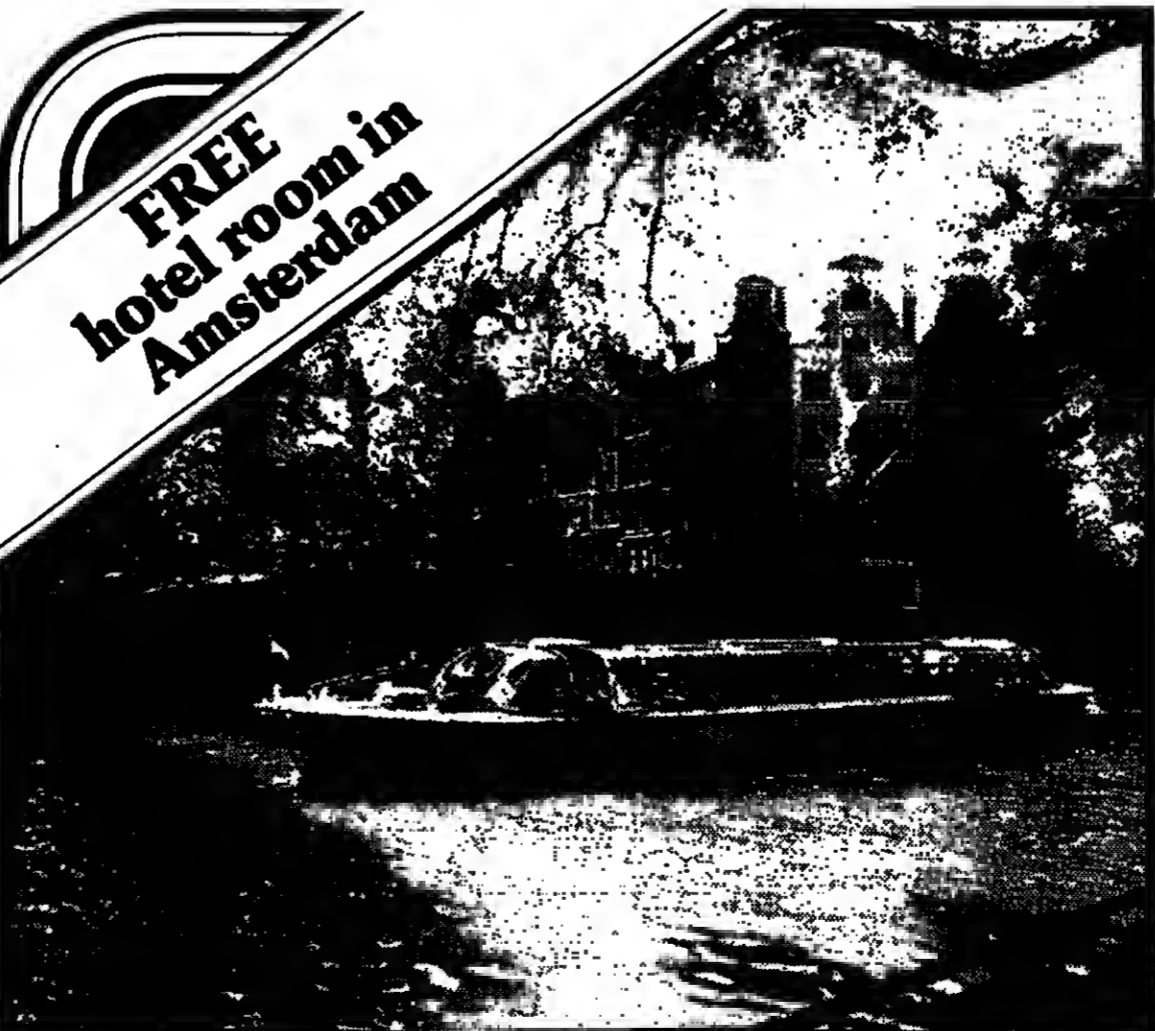
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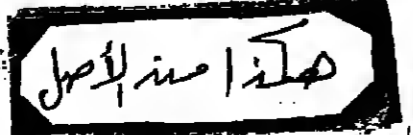
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Crop self-sufficiency envisioned

DHAHRAN, March 7 (AP) — Farmers in the Kingdom may be producing enough crops within the next five years to enable Saudi Arabia to be self-sufficient in fresh vegetables year-round, an agricultural expert said. Sami Labban, manager of the agriculture assistance program of the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO), said that with the continued development of a network of communications, marketing and cold storage facilities and of controlled environment farming in green houses, Saudi Arabia could replace imports of fresh vegetables during non-growing seasons by the mid-1980s. Labban said the Kingdom has for two years been self-sufficient in vegetables during the growing seasons, but noted that imports are still necessary at various times to supplement lower crop yields in various regions of the country during their off seasons. Though Saudi Arabia is comprised largely

of barren desert it possesses five areas where vegetable production is possible. The areas include Al Husa and Qatif in the Eastern Province, and Al Khurj and Qasim in the Central Province. All four areas are watered through local artesian wells, or ground water. The fifth area is the temperate and mountainous southern Asir region, which relies heavily on rainfall for water. Labban's prediction on self-sufficiency was based on the success of current efforts by the Ministry of Agriculture to develop facilities which will enable farmers in distant regions of the Kingdom to ship produce surpluses during their growing seasons to other regions in their off seasons. "The Kingdom is so wide climatically because of its vast size we could be supplementing each other with many crops if good marketing, packing, storage, transportation

and communication facilities could be organized and introduced," said Labban. He noted that such coordination and cooperation within the Kingdom would help stop the "dumping" of surplus crops in certain local markets. Labban, who has worked for 24 years as an agricultural adviser here, said the other factor assisting in self-sufficiency would be the continued development of green house like "hydroponic" farms. The farms which grow crops inside a cooled building will be used primarily to produce during off seasons when they can successfully compete with higher priced imported vegetables from Jordan and Lebanon. The ARAMCO manager said hydroponic farming was growing "very fast" partly due to government incentives such as loans and subsidies up to half of the project cost.

Riyadh road to be completed in 11 months

RIYADH, March 7 — The new ring road of the capital will be completed in 11 months at a cost of SR3,500 million, according to Dr. Nasser Al Salloum, deputy minister of communications. Speaking to *Al Riyadh* newspaper Saturday Salloum said the road will total 72 kilometers and will connect the city from east to west. Salloum toured the work sites and talked to

some of the 52 contractors and 22 consultants involved. The road will be 100 meters wide — one of the widest in the country, with four lanes in each direction in addition to three-lane service roads. The road will provide access to the airport, the University of Riyadh, the University of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud, the proposed diplomatic enclave, the limited income housing area and the old capital of Daryyah.

At the same time Salloum said the ministry has awarded a contract for the construction of the Hejaz bridge, the longest in the capital on the Riyadh-Jeddah road, which will add to the ten bridges and flowers under study. While the contractors are obliged to build street lighting along their roads, the municipality will plant trees along the entire ring road.



INSPECTION: Tabuk governor Prince Abdul Majid Friday inspected the hospital of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. He also toured installations at the pipeline dock for the East-West pipeline. The prince also visited the water desalination plant and cooling pumps. He was accompanied by Yanbu Governor Sheikh Naif Al-Sudairi. Later the Frontiers Guard gave a dinner in his honor.

Prayer Times

	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Sunday	5.11	5.13	4.44	4.32	4.56	5.27
Fajr (Dawn)	6.36	6.38	6.09	5.57	6.21	6.52
Ishraq (Sunrise)	12.32	12.32	12.04	11.51	12.15	12.45
Dhuhr (Noon)	3.55	3.56	3.27	3.13	3.38	4.07
Asr (Evening)	6.29	6.28	6.00	5.46	6.10	6.39
Maghreb (Sunset)	7.59	7.58	7.30	7.16	7.40	8.09
Isha (Night)						

Education camp ends

AL-KHOBAR, March 7 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi officiated here Friday evening at the closing ceremony of a four-day regional education camp organized by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University in cooperation with the Science Institute of Dammam. Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki the university's rector, was also present.

Philippine embassy notes tax filing requirement

JEDDAH, March 7 — Filipino contract workers who have worked abroad for six months (183 days) or more in 1980 are required by law to file their income tax returns on or before April 15, a Philippine Embassy press statement in Jeddah announced Saturday. In filing, workers should: a) file BIR Form 1701-C or xerox copies of it in triplicate; b) attach their certificate of gross income from their employer or a xerox copy of their employment contract; c) add \$10 for bank charges if they pay in check; and d) enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope so their file copy and official receipt can be mailed back to them, the report said. Workers who worked abroad for less than six months last year may also file their income tax returns with the Philippine Embassy but their earnings must be computed to its peso equivalent to determine their tax liability, the embassy added. The embassy accepts income tax returns from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday to Wednesday. Forms may be obtained there during the same hours.

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KAU prepares to open Fahd research center

Special for Arab News

JEDDAH, March 7 — Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University's Fahd Research Center is making the final preparations for a medical conference during which more than 1,000 national and international scientists and physicians will present various research.

The sixth meeting of its kind to be organized by the Faculty of Medicine at KAU, this year's symposium will be on a wide scope. Professors of medicine from Saudi Arabian universities, the Health Ministry, Defense and Aviation Ministry and others interested in medical research will take part in the meeting.

The move is part of the state's efforts to improve the standard of medical research in the Kingdom, as well as medical education and scientific research. KAU's Faculty of Medicine, with its experience in organizing medical meetings, will contribute in raising the standard of the meeting and acquiring better results that will help improve the Kingdom's scientific and medical research.

The first and second meetings were organized individually by medical organizations in the Kingdom. KAU had organized the third meeting, followed by the fourth in Dammam and fifth in Riyadh.

The sixth Saudi Arabian medical meeting is a continuation from the third. Professors and scientists from various Arab countries, America, Europe and Canada are participating in the meeting. Dr. Fuad Zahran, dean of the faculty of medicine and president of Fahd Research Center, is supervising the final touches for the meeting.

The research center, proposed two years ago, will be dedicated by Crown Prince Fahd and takes its name in recognition of the great support given by the crown prince. Fahd Research Center aims at promoting relations with international medical circles through medical and scientific meetings.



Dr. Fuad Zahran



TECHNOLOGY: An electron microscope being used at the newly-built Fahd Research Center reflects Saudi Arabia medical progress.

Conference to feature oil business

MANAMA, Bahrain, March 7 — Many of the world's leading manufacturers of exploration and production equipment for the oil industry will meet in Bahrain this month at the second Middle East Oil Show and Conference, according to an exhibition press statement Saturday.

The four-day show, which opens on March 9, has been welcomed by Bahrain's minister of development and industry, Yusuf Shirawi. In a forward in the show catalogue, the minister said, "The oil industry in the Middle East stands today on the threshold of great opportunities. The producing nations are extending their rightful control over this vital resource, particularly through involvement in downstream activities.

"In Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Oman extensive programs are underway to make proper use of gas resources — once flared by foreign operators. New gas processing, catalytic cracking and other refinery projects across the Arab world reflect our determination to increase our stake in the industry. At the same time, we must expand our relationship with the developed and developing nations — between government and government and between operator and supplier.

"We therefore greet warmly many of the world's leading oil industry manufacturers and we look forward to conducting improved commercial dealings with them as we jointly undertake the dramatic projects lying ahead in the 1980s," he added.

Joining government sponsored groups from the United Kingdom, France, Denmark and Alberta, Canada, are independent exhibitors from an additional 20 nations worldwide who will display a full range of petroleum equipment for both offshore and on-shore exploration, production and transmission, the exhibition statement said.

The statement added that the technical conference program, held in the new seminar complex at the center is arranged by the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Some 70 papers will be presented by leading Arab and Western experts covering drilling and well completion, operations, well logging, enhanced recovery and simulation, reservoir engineering, geology, well testing and environmental and reservoir fluid chemistry.

Irish traders to visit Gulf

JEDDAH, March 7 — Eleven Irish companies will pay a joint visit to Saudi Arabia and several Gulf states later this month, according to a report by the Irish Export Board Saturday.

The trade mission, organized by the Irish Export Board from their Bahrain office, will concentrate on increasing sales of Irish consumer goods to the region the report said.

According to Gerry Morrissey, Middle East manager of the Irish Export Board, most of the participants are experienced suppliers to the Middle East. "Most of the companies have some business in the area so we already know that the products on offer are competitive," he said.

The trade mission will arrive in Jeddah on

March 19th and will travel to Riyadh (March 22-24), Eastern Province (24-26), Bahrain (26-28), Dubai (28-31) and Kuwait (March 31-April 2).

German industrialists arrive

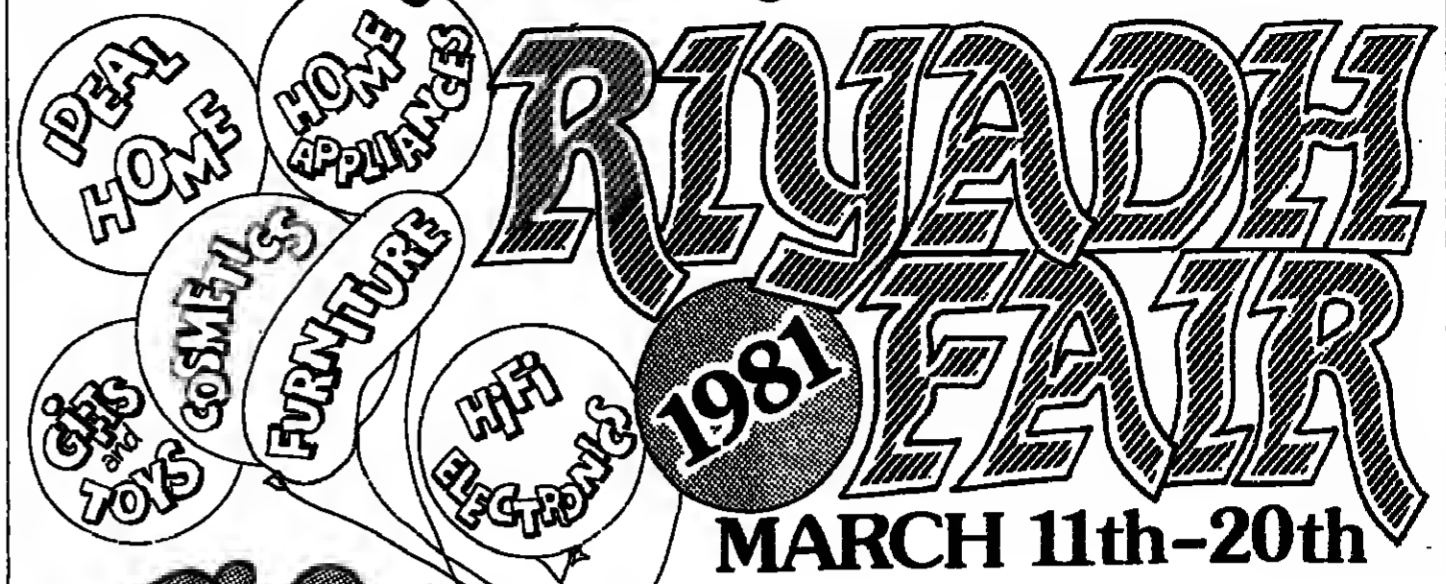
JEDDAH, March 7 — A delegation of the Federation of German Industries arrived here Saturday for a five-day visit, the German embassy announced.

The delegation arrived under the sponsorship of Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity. Consisting of 20 — 30 German industrialists, board members and directors of leading German companies,

the group's visit is meant as a contribution to the permanent and impressive development of industrial and commercial exchanges between the Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany, an embassy statement said.

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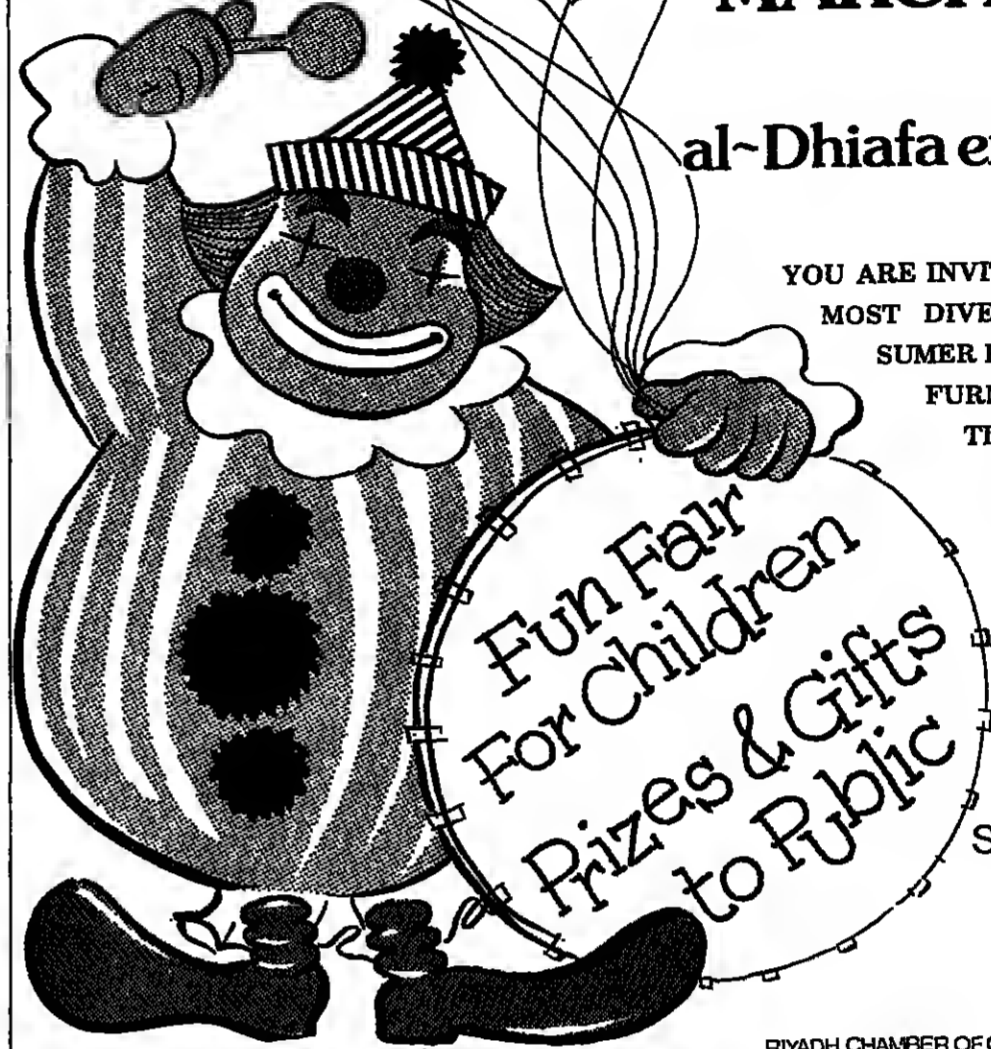
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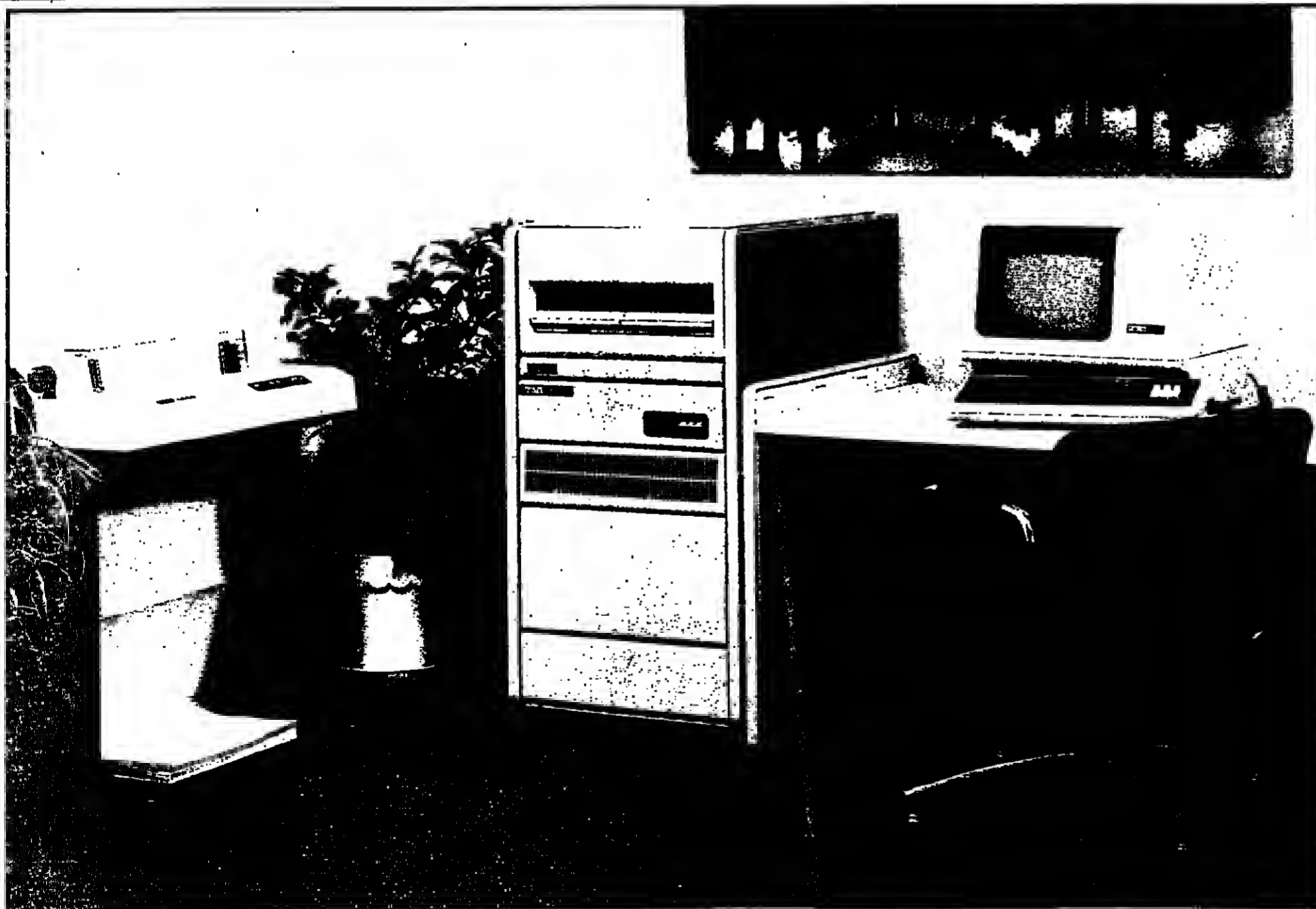
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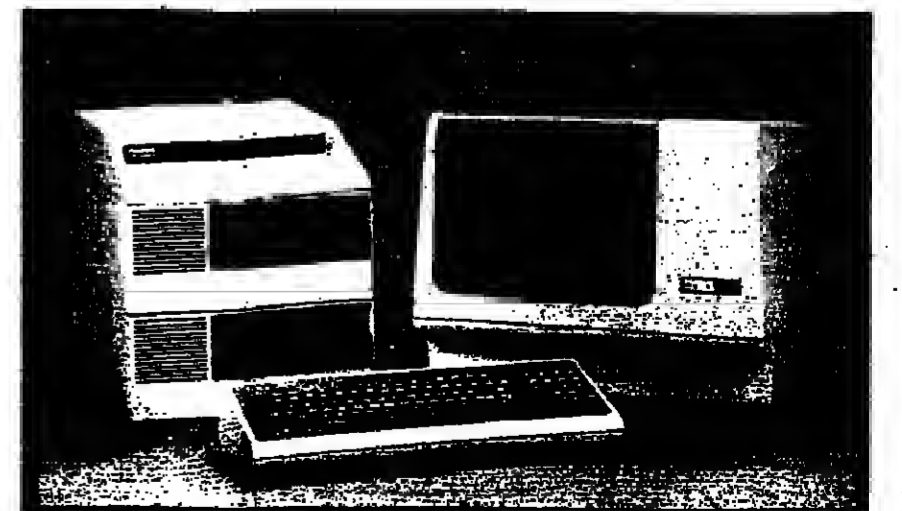
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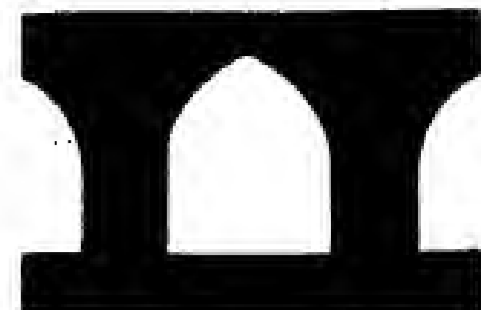
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1,177,972,746	Total Capital and Reserves		1,577,972,746
	DEPOSITS		
	1 Customers deposits (Note: Cover total current, time and saving deposits)	21,785,297,499	
18,495,531,608	2 Deposits from Banks		
490,829,560	a) In Saudi Arabia	529,055,682	
3,313,732,506	b) Abroad	2,684,908,345	
	3 Sundry Deposits: (Note: Include margins for letters of credit, guarantees, drafts and other transfers)	1,987,293,588	
1,900,600,352			26,966,555,114
24,200,694,026			
	BORROWINGS		
	1 From Banks		
	a) In Saudi Arabia		
	b) Abroad		
	2 From Others		
	PROFITS & LOSS ACCOUNT		
	Balance brought forward from last year	2,879,562	
9,190,265	Add: Net Profit for the year 1400 after transfer to Reserve	77,916,972	
73,689,297			80,796,534
82,879,562			
	OTHER LIABILITIES		
	1 Acceptances outstanding on behalf of customers	124,046,418	
107,741,372	2 Other liabilities	2,280,723,216	
731,618,170			2,404,769,634
839,359,542			31,030,094,028
26,300,905,876	Sub-Total		
	CONTRA ACCOUNTS		
	Guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations	18,476,978,229	
17,849,968,802			49,507,072,257
44,150,874,678	Grand-Total		

1399 S.R.	PROPERTY & ASSETS	S.R.	S.R.
	CASH FUNDS		
	1 Cash in hand	2,380,286,728	
1,135,643,818	2 Statutory deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	2,869,960,816	
6,097,347,491	3 Other deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	2,596,289,403	
2,735,090,572			7,846,546,947
9,968,081,881			
	DEPOSITS WITH BANKS		
	1 In Saudi Arabia	43,101,216	
77,063,862	2 Abroad	8,967,792,275	
5,711,026,642			9,010,893,491
5,788,090,504			
	INVESTMENTS: (Not exceeding lowest of cost or market value)		
	1 Shares and securities of establishments:—		
	a) In Saudi Arabia	229,069,680	
227,185,331	b) Abroad	656,602,871	
600,686,906	2 Other investments		885,672,551

827,872,237			
	LOANS, ADVANCES ...etc. (Less provision for bad and doubtful debts)		
	1 To:		
	a) Private sector	10,945,759,746	
7,664,743,070	b) Banks	472,143,747	
150,756,475	c) Others	588,468,687	
629,300,545	2 Bills purchased and discounted	239,243,785	
262,886,414			12,245,615,965
8,707,686,504			
	FIXED ASSETS		
	1 Bank premises and other real estate (at cost or revaluation)	444,317,459	
321,060,309	2 Furniture, fixtures and equipment (less depreciation)	55,557,357	
43,203,524			499,874,816
364,263,833			
	OTHER ASSETS		
	1 Customers' liabilities for outstanding acceptances	124,046,418	
107,741,372	2 Other assets	417,443,840	
537,169,545			541,490,258
644,910,917			31,030,094,028
26,300,905,876	Sub-Total		
	CONTRA ACCOUNTS		
	Customers' liabilities under guarantees, letters of credit and other obligations	18,476,978,229	
17,849,968,802			49,507,072,257
44,150,874,678	Grand-Total		

AUDITORS REPORT

SALEM AHMED BIN MAHFOUZ GENERAL MANAGER

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit and Loss Account with the books and documents relating thereto of the Head Office and Branches of The National Commercial Bank (Partnership Company) visited by us, and with the returns submitted by the Managers of the other Branches, and certify to be in accordance therewith.

We have obtained the information and explanations which we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account represent fairly the financial position of The National Commercial Bank at 30th Dhul-Hijjah 1400 (8th November 1980) and the profit of the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as shown by the books.

JEDDAH: 27th Rabi Al-Thani 1401 (3rd March 1981)

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ISMAIL A. EL HABBAK (15)
ACCOUNTANT

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 30th. DHUL-HIJJAH 1400 (8th. NOVEMBER 1980)

1399 S.R.	EXPENSES	S.R.	S.R.
186,338,285	EXPENSES		278,529,761
---	Salaries and other staff expenses		
261,715,417	Directors Fees, Remunerations ... etc		1,157,354,628
	Service charges		
	Provisions for depreciation ... etc		
	a) Depreciation on building, furniture ... etc	12,467,964	
7,710,314	b) Other provisions	50,000,000	
86,000,000			62,467,964
93,710,314			95,753,142
72,966,167	Other expenses		
10,000,000	Donation for AFGHANISTAN MOGAHIDIN		
553,689,297	NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		477,916,972
	Of which		
	a) Transfer to Reserve	400,000,000	
	b) Balance carried to Balance Sheet	77,916,972	
1,178,419,480			2,072,022,467

1399 S.R.	INCOME	S.R.	S.R.
	INCOME		
	Net income from foreign exchange transactions and other services	2,045,205,801	
1,144,629,698	Net income from investments and real estate	26,816,666	
25,500,670	Profit on sales of real estate	---	
8,289,112	TOTAL INCOME		2,072,022,467
1,178,419,480			
1,178,419,480			2,072,022,467

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Kabul gripped by new unrest

By Anthony Hyman

LONDON — Details have come out of Afghanistan of a recent Muslim fighters' offensive in Kabul which provoked an intensive security operation and ended in the arrest of several suspected resistance leaders. Coordinated attacks on four public buses in the Char-Asyab district, (on the outskirts of Kabul) in the afternoon of Jan. 27 marked the beginning of a new wave of violence. Public transport services outside the city were suspended, and on the same night, soon after curfew began at 11 p.m., Muslim fighters in the central area of Karte-Naw attacked a jeep patrol, killing or wounding five Afghan and Soviet officers.

The biggest action took place on Jan. 29 when about 3 a.m. the headquarters of the secret police, KHAD, located in a former cinema in Karte-Naw, was reportedly gutted by mines laid by members of a group called the Afghan Freedom Fighters Front. Police losses were described as serious, and the entire area was sealed off while house-to-house searches were carried out by soldiers.

The Karmal government rightly suspects close collaboration between disaffected Afghan officials and officers with opposition groups. The morale of the Afghan administration is also said to have suffered from the increased numbers of rebel newsletters, produced secretly and distributed during curfew hours.

The prospect of renewed anti-Soviet demonstrations by high-school students in Kabul was raised in a recent pamphlet by the Women's Revolutionary Society, a group of educated women nationalists, many of them teachers. The pamphlet recalls last year's student demonstrations and accuses Babrak Karmal, "henchman of Russian colonialism, with cleaver in hand," of using guns, tanks, machine guns and helicopters against schoolgirls who had no weapons but their headscarves, and against boys who had nothing but books and pens.

The pamphlet encourages the "loness girls, students of the lycées of Kabul fighting alongside their brothers" to rise again. "Now the Parchamis and Khalquis and Russians are all trying to destroy our culture. Heroic girls! With your soft hands you're not rocking a baby's cradle, but shaking the foundations of the Kremlin palace."

Obote faces threat of open guerrilla war

By Thomas Lansner

KAMPALA — War-ravaged Uganda faces the threat of new upheavals from a guerrilla army said to be led by Yoweri Museveni, head of the Ugandan Patriotic Movement, a small leftist political party which won one seat in December's general elections. Museveni disappeared from the Ugandan capital, Kampala, four weeks ago. A day later, a military training barracks at Kabamba, 100 miles west of Kampala, was attacked.

Travelers report that Museveni addressed a crowd of several hundred villagers at Kiboga, west of Kabamba, declaring "open guerrilla war" against the government of President Milton Obote and his ruling Uganda People's Congress Party. It is not a threat which the government is taking lightly. Museveni trained in Tanzania and Mozambique while in exile during the regime of Idi Amin, and led guerrilla forces against Amin's troops during the liberation war two years ago.

Several police stations in Kampala have been attacked, and the army has launched arms searches throughout the capital in reply. Hundreds of soldiers have used the military operations as an opportunity for theft. At least six persons have been murdered and hundreds of homes have been looted. Officers seemed to regain some control of their troops after three days of chaos and offered to return some of the property pillaged by what an official described as "lawless elements." However, the army rampage is bound to increase public support for dissident movements like that led by Museveni.

A representative of a group calling itself the Movement for the Struggle for Political Right claimed in Nairobi last month that Museveni has 5,000 armed men in western Uganda and would encircle the capital in four to six weeks. Although the claim is almost certainly exaggerated, persistent reports are reaching the capital of ambushes on a heavily patrolled route in the west.

Dissident sources say Museveni's guerrillas have formed a loose alliance with another anti-Obote group, the Uganda Freedom Movement. Closer ties are inhibited by ideological differences over the conduct of the struggle and its leadership.

Several UPM and Democratic Party politicians have been detained since the unrest began. The secretary-general of the UPM, Bidandi-Saali, two Democratic Party MPs and several other prominent opposition spokesmen are held without charges. Officials sources refuse comment, but Democratic Party leader Paul Ssemogerere made his opinion clear when he met Obote recently. "We demanded their release," he said afterwards. "They were arrested illegally and they are being held illegally without a court order for their detention."

The attacks are bound to worsen Uganda's present economic disorder. Shops in Kampala are empty of salt, sugar, soap, cigarettes, matches and paraffin. The weekly ration of 30 liters of gasoline is hard to come by.

The air of confidence after Obote's return to power in December has all but evaporated. The small reservoir of goodwill among the Baganda in the south of the country, who voted 80 per cent for the Democratic Party, has been largely squandered by the government's failure to deal with the economy and military indiscipline.

Letter to the editor

Dear sir,
Is there anything that can be done to protect the rights of individuals to a good night's sleep. Here in the Medina Al Ommal district of Al Khobar our sleep is interrupted by the calling of what may be Peacocks or Peahens. They cry in a most mournful fashion for long periods during the night — they also cry during the day but that can be tolerated. Is there anything you can suggest?

J.B.
P.O. Box 9
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Ethiopia 'diverting' Western aid into war effort

By Gayle Smith

KHARTOUM — Ethiopian nationalists have accused the Soviet-backed regime in Addis Ababa of diverting Western aid into the war effort and called on Western countries to reconsider a large offer of economic aid now pending. "Increased humanitarian assistance to the Soviet-backed Ethiopian military dictatorship will not reach the needy," charged a spokesman for the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) in a lengthy interview. "Instead, it will be used to prolong the main source of human suffering in Ethiopia."

The OLF's Yohannes Lata criticized a United Nations proposal to give Ethiopia over \$1 billion in emergency assistance and said: "The junta is diverting the major share of its internal resources into buying sophisticated Soviet weapons to maintain Black Africa's largest standing army, while at the same time seeking massive Western subsidies under the false pretence of drought relief."

Ethiopia has received over \$2 billion in Soviet military hardware since 1977, according to Western intelligence sources. The bulk of the country's non-military aid has been supplied by the West, with the European Economic Community recently pledging \$250 million over and above an earlier promise of \$400 million for the next five years. The United States is also providing the government with substantial cash and food aid through the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

A team of U.N.-sponsored journalists is now touring Ethiopia to evaluate further relief requests, following a recommendation by the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization (UNDRO) to raise \$1.1 billion this year. Much of this aid is for the resettlement of millions of Ethiopian peasant farmers and nomads who the Ethiopian government

claims were displaced by drought. The OLF, however, accuses the regime of covering up the fact that most are the victims of war which continues to escalate on four simultaneous battlefronts. The UNDRO report makes no mention of armed conflict in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia's published budget does not mention military expenditures which the OLF fighters say have exceeded 70 per cent of government spending since 1978, excluding external arms purchases from the Soviet Union whose exact costs and methods of payment are not known. Now in its fourth year of armed opposition to the government, OLF seeks what it terms "self determination" for the 18 million Oromo (Galla) people who make up more than half Ethiopia's population. OLF operates in the coffee-rich southern and western areas of Ethiopia, known as Oromia, which border Somalia, Kenya and Sudan.

OLF also cooperates with nationalist forces in the Red Sea territory of Eritrea and in Ethiopia's northern Tigray and southeastern Ogaden regions. The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) recently issued a statement in Rome denouncing the UNDRO report, while the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has called for an arms and aid boycott of Ethiopia.

Extensive programs set up to relieve the suffering, such as resettlement camps, said the OLF spokesman, have in reality been used for political purposes directly linked to the war. Lata charged that the principal source of civilian displacement is the fighting in Oromia, Eritrea, Ogaden and Tigray where, he said, "widespread aerial and artillery bombardment combined with murderous infantry sweeps has razed whole villages to the ground and destroyed cattle and crops indiscriminately."

*It is no accident that observers touring Ethiopia

from the government side are only taken to the rural areas near Addis Ababa and to the few secure towns and cities..." he said.

The fighters' leaders say that grain donated for humanitarian purposes in Ethiopia is being sold to pay army salaries and used to feed military garrisons. Both the EPLF and the TPLF have recently displayed photographs of relief supplies captured in raids on Ethiopian army outposts and military convoys. Two Volvo trucks donated by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and 2,600 tons of EEC grain were recently taken by the TPLF during an attack on the Sekota military camp in Tigray, according to a TPLF spokesman here.

Oromo nationalists also charge that relief supplies are being used as "bait" to attract war victims to government resettlement camps. Some 250,000 peasants of Amhara nationality were recently moved to Oromo areas and armed by Cuban military advisers at the Tatak training camp near Addis Ababa in what OLF claimed was "a transparent effort to colonize rebellious regions."

According to the OLF spokesman, the displaced Oromo are now receiving relief aid in neighboring Somalia from the same international organizations being asked to fund the Ethiopian resettlement campaign. Over two million Ethiopian refugees are now estimated to be in Somalia with Sudan claiming 400,000 and up to 100,000 reported in Djibouti and Kenya.

Ethiopia bases part of its current requests for Western aid on claims that refugees are now returning home, but Sudanese officials in Khartoum say that less than 200 Ethiopians accepted government offers to repatriate last year, while 16,678 crossed into Sudan in the Gedaref area alone during the same period. A report by an aid commission put the rate of refugees arriving in Somalia at 2,500 per day in the middle of 1980. (ONS)

OIC PEACE PLAN

The committee entrusted by the Organization of Islamic Conference with the task of hammering out an agreement to end the Iraq-Iran war, has now given both sides its proposals, and can only await their answers. The cornerstone of the OIC plan, is a week-long ceasefire, and then a phased Iraqi withdrawal over four weeks, followed by negotiations around the issues outstanding between the two countries.

The fear that Iran's position will not shift from its hard line, which has always been expressed in a demand for a total and unconditional Iraqi withdrawal, was soon confirmed. The country's Supreme Defense Council has officially rejected the OIC's plan, thus showing that the earlier unofficial rejections, by both the Iranian president and some religious leaders were not, as some had hoped, moves designed to improve the country's bargaining position.

For their part, the Iraqis' response has been that same mixture of readiness for peace coupled with threats of intensifying the conflict in the event of Iran's unamenable. It is thus expected that Iraq will soon unleash some punitive measures along one of the fighting fronts.

There is no doubt that the conciliation effort on the part of the Islamic states deserves support and gratitude. But there is also the feeling that it was based more on good intentions than the reality of the situation. Each of the two regimes has made no secret of its hope that the long struggle will result in the toppling of its opponent. Their differences over border demarcation predate both regimes and will probably outlast them. And it was these historic issues which should have been dealt with first by the mediators.

But now that Iran has refused mediation, all this is academic. The war will go on and the Iraqis will feel that they can turn the screw further, their willingness to come to terms having been spurned.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Saturday mostly led with the seminar to be held Sunday by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy to discuss the requirements of Saudi Arabian economy and the Kingdom's achievements in the field of economic development. Some gave lead prominence in Iran's rejection of the proposals submitted by the Islamic goodwill committee, while *Al Medina* carried as its lead story the U.S. administration's official announcement of its resolve to sell F-15 accessories to Saudi Arabia.

In a broad front-page story, *Okaz* quoted PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat as saying there is not going to be any Jordanian-Palestinian summit meeting in the very near future. They also frontpaged Washington's resolve on the supply of F-15 aircraft accessories to the Kingdom. Iran's refusal to accept the proposals of the Islamic goodwill committee and its insistence on linking the ceasefire to the withdrawal of the Iraqi forces found front-page coverage in the newspapers.

In a page one story, *Al Jazirah* quoted the Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom as saying the Chinese government and people are eagerly looking forward to the visit of King Khaled at the earliest opportunity. Some newspapers gave front-page highlight to the meetings of the Gulf technical committee beginning in Muscat Saturday to draft the statute for the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Newspaper editorials called upon the Islamic states to adopt a firm stance to enable the Islamic goodwill committee to realize its objectives of

bringing about rapprochement between Iraq and Iran. *Al Jazirah* noted that when the goodwill committee began its task it had not imagined that alien anti-Islamic forces would make it their primary concern to embitter fraternal relations between the Islamic states. It said these forces are trying to create justification for military intervention in the region under the smokescreen of protecting the region's peace, security and stability. The paper, however, expressed its full confidence in the committee and hoped it would produce desired results, though its task is extremely difficult and replete with many a slip and risk on its path. It was the paper's firm conviction that the committee would succeed in its mission despite the intrigues of anti-Islamic elements and their ambitious designs in the region.

On the same subject, *Al Medina* urged the Islamic states to stand resolutely behind the goodwill committee, in order to enable it to find ways and means to implement the resolutions of the third Islamic summit conference on stopping bloodshed between Iraq and Iran. The paper reaffirmed that the committee's resolutions were based on neutral attitude and worked to find a just and equitable solution on the basis of the charter of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC). Despite the hard line that is being followed by the parties concerned, the paper hoped that a way would be found to let prudence prevail and allow them to work for pan-Islamic interests. It was quite hopeful that both Iraq and Iran would accept a settlement and cease fighting.

Okaz also observed that the Islamic nation cherished great hopes that Iraq and Iran would respond to the proposals made by the goodwill committee and would put an end to the bloodshed. The committee embarked on its difficult task out of a firm conviction that every dispute can be peacefully solved if the parties concerned do not take recourse to arms. Taking in view the religious link and neighborliness, the paper said, both Iraq and Iran would favorably respond to the wishes of the Islamic world so its funds could be used for construction rather than for destruction.

The paper reminded that the nation was in pressing need for exerting efforts toward its major issue, which is the liberation of Jerusalem from the Zionist's clasp. It gave out a warning that hostile elements in the world are anxiously hoping to see the committee failing in its mission, so they can implement their plans through the Zionist-communist forces.

In an editorial, *Okaz* referred to the colossal nature of responsibility being shouldered by the goodwill committee, and said it would need to make a lot of endeavor and sacrifice to realize its noble objectives. The paper, however, insisted that there ought to be no pessimism as a result of the Iranian defense council's rejection of the committee's proposals. It said that what the Islamic states are doing is aimed at restoring cordiality and friendship between the two warring Islamic states of the region.



To the Middle East

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PHOTOS: Zaki Flemban with photographs taken by him.

Artist makes debut in Houston

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — "When you look at my paintings you know how I feel," said Abdullah (Nawawy) Flemban, at an exhibition of his work in Houston, Texas. The fine arts exhibition was held recently at the Saudi Arabian Educational Mission and was, according to Abdullah, the first art show to be held in Houston by anyone from Saudi Arabia.

Abdullah Flemban, a young Saudi Arabian who has just received his masters degree in painting from Adams State College in Colorado, says that art is an excellent means of educating people about countries and cultures they know nothing about or do not understand. Since there is no language barrier in art, it also is probably one of the easiest and simplest means. "A lot of people may not understand by speech, but they can understand a lot about other countries and cultures by looking at paintings," he explained.

Abdullah's paintings reveal the Saudi Arabian lifestyle. His themes range from religion and architecture to beautiful landscapes. His favorite subjects are those that contain a feeling of the past, the old rather than the new. "I like old things because I like to keep it with me," he said. Things such as architecture have to be removed to make way for the new, and art helps keep intact a feeling of the past, he added.

When Abdullah paints he "takes everything and puts it together" — like the pieces of a puzzle. He draws upon bits and pieces of his imagination, experience, memories, and knowledge to create a complete picture. The most time-consuming part of painting is, for him, the subject. "To do the actual painting does not take much time, maybe one-and-a-half to two hours. It's coming up with a subject that takes time."

Besides depicting a variety of themes, his paintings reflect a variety of mediums. He uses oils, water-colors, charcoals, print making, and silk screens. He also enjoys sculpting. The Houston exhibition was Abdullah's fourth show in the United States. He has plans, he said, of returning soon to Saudi Arabia and "maybe become a teacher." Abdullah said there is a demand for artists in the Kingdom and "the Saudi Arabian Government cares about its artists. The government does a lot to promote art and they sponsor a lot of art shows."

Talent does not stop at Abdullah in the Flemban family. His brother Zaki also took part in the fine arts exhibition with a display of some of his favorite photographs. Zaki also graduated from Adams State College, with a baccalaureate degree in physical education.

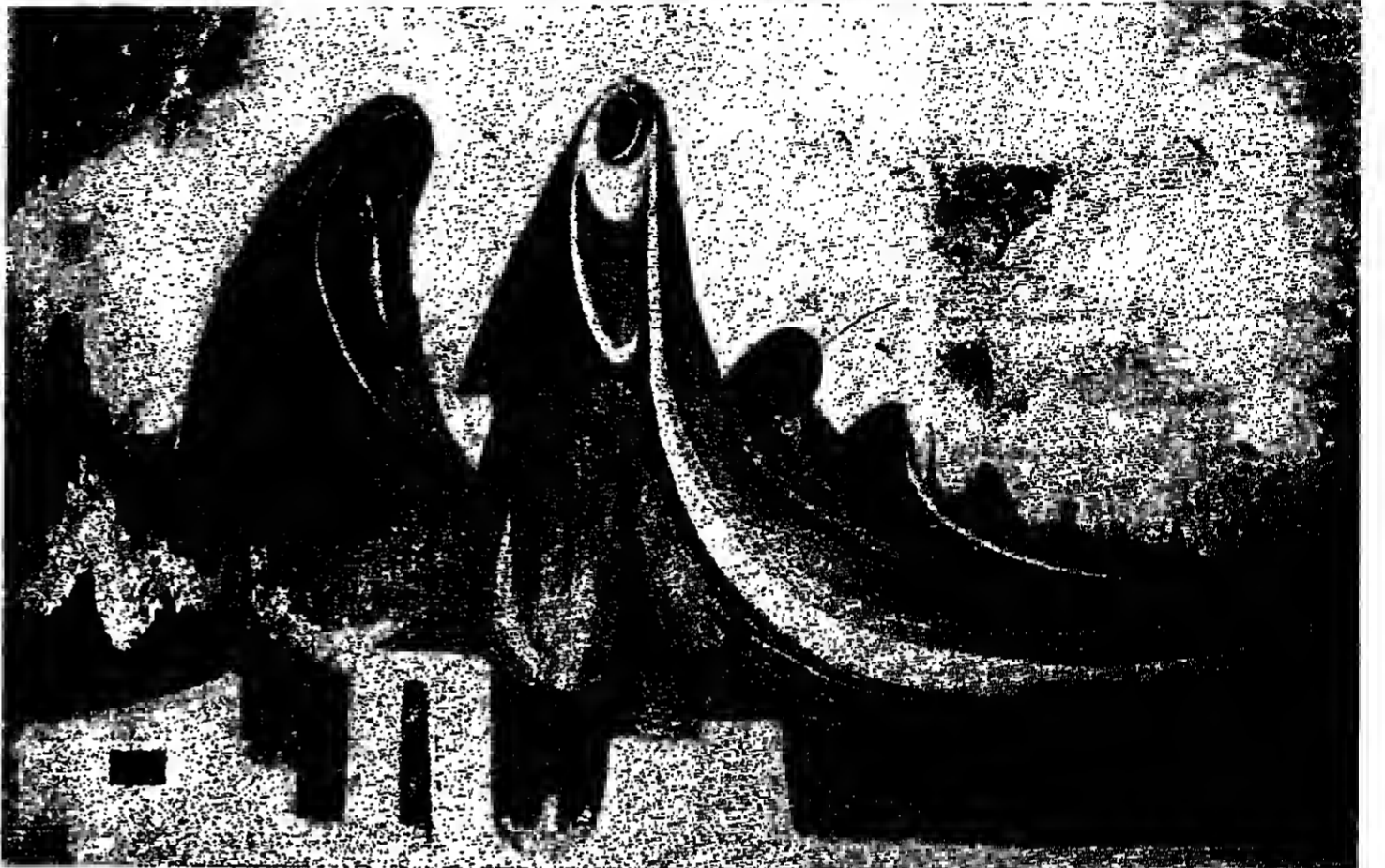
While in school he took some courses in photography and grew to love it. Photography quickly became his new hobby.

Zaki uses a Minolta camera for all of his color photographs. He develops his own film and does all of his own printing. His favorites are his abstracts and close-ups. Zaki said he first got involved in photography because he was just a little jealous of his other brothers who are all artists. "I took photography to join with them in art," he said with a smile. Photography is not a difficult hobby, according to him. "It's not hard if you enjoy it but it is expensive."

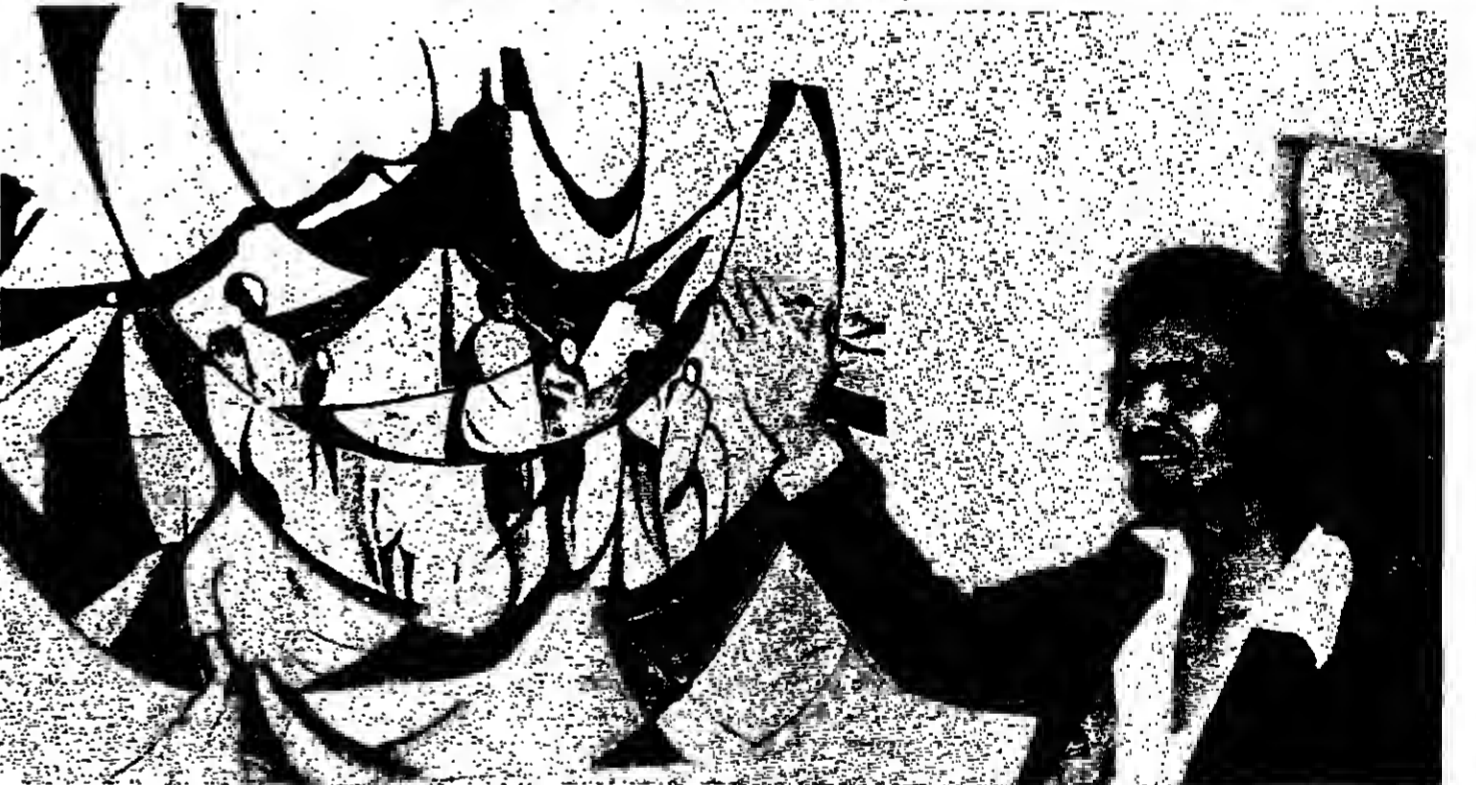
The most important aspect of photography is the eye of the artist. "A good photographer needs a nice eye because the eye draws the picture you want to paint or print," he explained. Zaki also plans to return to Saudi Arabia and hoping to work in both physical education and photography. He is planning to hold more shows in the Kingdom, photograph more pictures of his native country and publish them in a book form.



LANDSCAPE: Saudi Arabian landscape.



WOMEN: Saudi Arabian women as painted by Abdullah



PILGRIMAGE: Abdullah Flemban and his painting 'The Pilgrimage'

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Soviet pullout urged

'Afghans denied human rights'

GENEVA, March 7 (AP) — For the second consecutive year, the United Nations Human Rights Commission adopted a measure insisting that Soviet military forces be withdrawn from Afghanistan.

By 31 to 8 with three abstentions, the world's largest international body devoted exclusively to consideration of human rights issues, approved Friday the Pakistan-sponsored resolution. It noted that the Afghan people have been "denied their right

Lack of arms hits Afghan fighters

PARIS, March 7 (R) — An Afghan resistance leader from the Kabul area was quoted as saying that a shortage of arms made a general uprising there impossible.

Muhammad Amin Wardak, a tribal chief and resistance leader in the Wardak region west of Kabul, told AFP that any insurrection would be brutally suppressed by the Soviet army. "The conditions for a general uprising by the Kabul population are not right," he said. "We lack weapons and it would serve no end to fight Soviet tanks and soldiers bare-handed."

Wardak said he considered his area "liberated" because Soviet troops and the Afghan army "can launch only periodic operations in our area." He said these operations lasted between one to two weeks and were held "about once every four months."

to self-determination and to determine their own form of government."

The measure also urged a "political settlement on the situation in Afghanistan on the basis of the withdrawal of foreign troops."

The wording was slightly less insistent than that of a resolution passed last year by the 43-member commission. That measure contained language condemning the Soviet military intervention of December 1979, deploring it as a flagrant violation of international law.

The Soviet delegation called this year's measure "odious and unrealistic" and said its approval would heighten tensions in the region.

In a note to the commission, Jordan has charged that two Syrians arrested in connection with an alleged plot to kill Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran, have told interrogators they took part in a machine gun massacre of more than 500 inmates of a Syrian prison last year.

The note said Friday that the two Syrians, members of a special "defense" brigade, "confessed to being directly responsible for implementing the plot" against the prime minister. Following their recent arrest by Jordanian authorities, they also supplied testimony on the alleged massacre at Palmyra Prison June 27, 1980, according to the note.

This was one day after an alleged attempt to assassinate Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Excerpts from the alleged testimony attached to the note quoted one of the

Syrians as saying officers told them Palmyra Prison was the "largest center" of the opposition "Muslim Brothers" and that they were under orders to "attack" the prison. "The total of those whom I machine-gunned was about 15," Akram Ali Bishani was quoted as telling Jordanian interrogators. The total of those killed in the prison... was about 550. It took about half an hour in the midst of bombing and the shouts of 'Great is God.'"

Jordan, which is a member of the 40-nation Human Rights Commission, asked that the memorandum including the excerpts from the testimony be distributed to all other delegations to the current commission meeting.

Arab ministers extend medical aid to PLO

ALGIERS, March 7 (SPA) — Health ministers of the Arab world have decided to extend full medical and health assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization, South Lebanon, Mauritania, Somalia and Eritrea.

At the end of their sixth session here Wednesday the ministers approved the construction of two hospitals in South Lebanon. They will also give financial assistance to the Arab Council for Medical Specializations and the Arab Health Development Fund. The Arab Health Ministers Council also called for support the Arab Casualty Research Center. It urged UNESCO to double its aid and extend medical and health assistance to Palestinian children.

Rajai blames Bani-Sadr for attacks

TEHRAN, March 7 (AFP) — The office of Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai has called on President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr to condemn tactics used by his supporters during his visit to the University of Tehran Thursday in which several persons were injured. Bani-Sadr would be responsible for future similar outbreaks of violence, the office said in a statement broadcast by Radio Tehran.

Several persons were injured when rival groups, some using arms, clashed at the university while Bani-Sadr was speaking. Bani-Sadr threatened to lead his supporters into the streets to deal with the attackers if such disturbances continued.

Meanwhile, Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei, who leads Friday prayers here, said that Bani-Sadr had tried to curtail the clashes. He said that several of the trouble-makers had been arrested.

West Bank general strike called to support teachers

TEL AVIV, March 7 (R) — Palestinian organizations in the occupied West Bank have called a general strike next Tuesday to support wage demands by Arab teachers in the area.

West Bank teachers have been on strike for two-and-a-half months demanding 100 per cent salary increases. They have turned down a 50 per cent offer by the Israeli military government.

Representatives of West Bank municipalities, merchant associations, trade unions and women's organizations met in Jerusalem Friday and urged the public to back the teachers.

The also called on Jordan not to help pay the teachers' salaries. Many of the teachers receive salaries paid by both Israel and Jordan, which controlled the West Bank until its capture by the Israelis in the 1967 Middle East war.

Sahara dispute

Mauritania warned of reprisals

RABAT, March 7 (R) — A Moroccan newspaper said military reprisals could be taken against Mauritania if Polisario Front fighters were allowed to use its territory to attack Moroccan troops in Western Sahara.

The warning was sounded in the Rabat daily *L'Opinion*, the organ of the Istiqlal Party which is led by Muhammad Bounetta, foreign minister in the coalition government. Under the heading "a Mauritanian Miscalculation," the paper said there was evidence

that large numbers of Saharans were moving into northern Mauritania from Polisario camps near Tindouf in western Algeria.

The paper said they were moving because it had become difficult for them to attack heavily-defended Moroccan positions in the northern part of the western Sahara, and also because Algerian support for the Polisario was "becoming more and more problematic."

50 die in floods near Lahore

KARACHI, March 7 (AP) — An estimated 50 persons were killed when a flood swept through Narang Mandi village, some 50 kms north of Lahore Friday, eyewitnesses said. The witness reported that hundreds of homes collapsed killing about 50 persons and injuring scores more.

Fierce rain and hail storms preceded the flooding, which also uprooted trees and electric poles.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (R) — A car bomb in the eastern Lebanon town of Zahle Friday killed three persons and wounded 22 others, state-run Beirut radio reported. It said three stores and a number of cars were destroyed when the bomb went off in the city, about 52 kms from Beirut.

ANKARA, (R) — Turkey protested to France Friday night about the killing of two Turkish diplomats in Paris last Wednesday and requested better protection for its diplomats, foreign ministry sources said Saturday. The protest note was handed to French Ambassador Elic Cimajou, the sources said.


ATHENS, (AP) — In a gesture of goodwill toward Turkey, Greece announced Friday that it will relax certain restrictions on air traffic over the Aegean.

MUNICH, (AP) — Otrag, a private West German rocket company, said Friday it successfully launched a 4th test missile from its new site in the Libyan part of the central Sahara desert.

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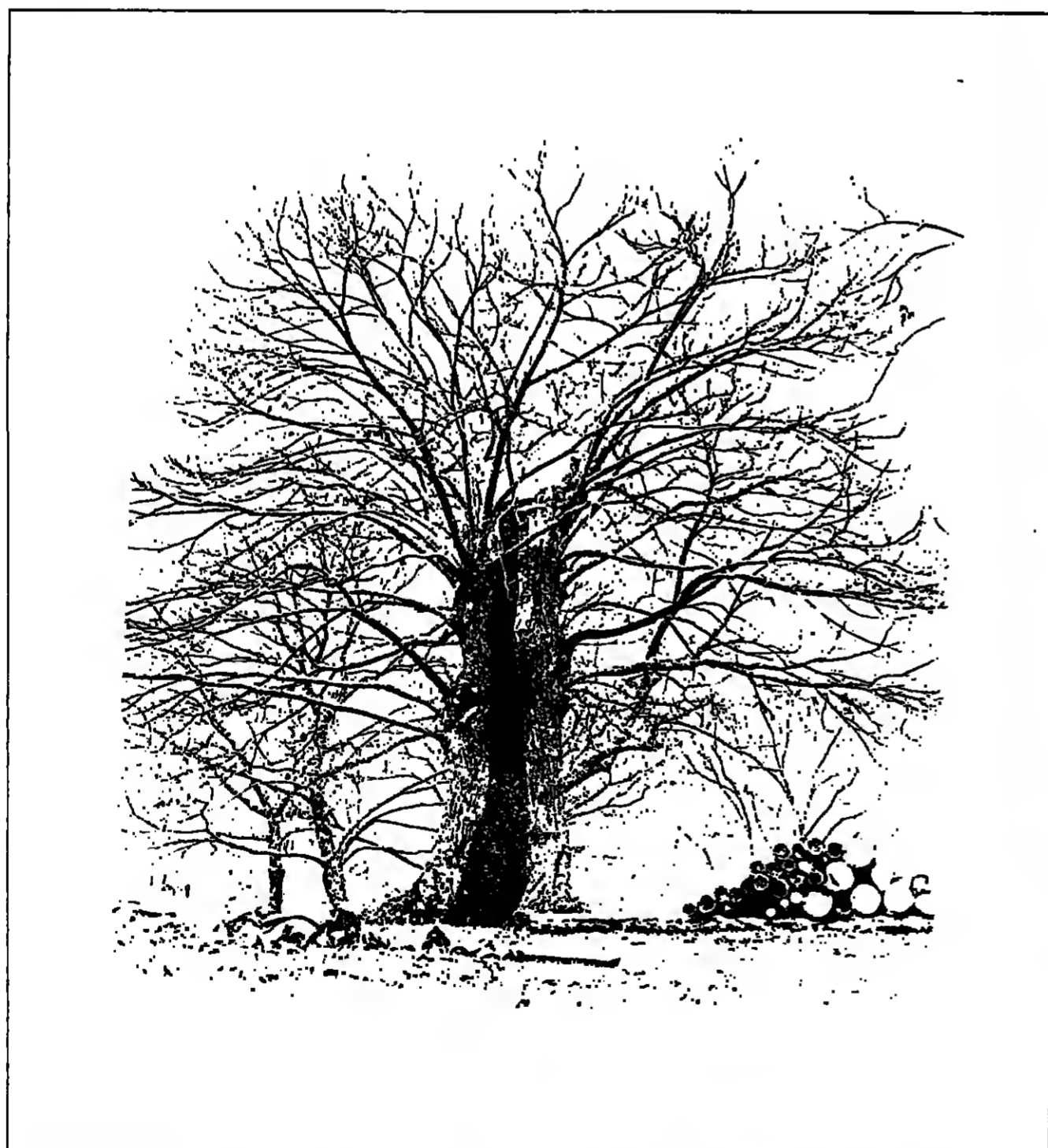


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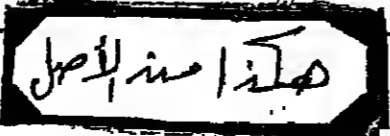
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Greece seeks American guarantee

ATHENS, March 7 (R) — Greece has asked the United States to guarantee the security of its borders in the Aegean and to maintain the balance of power in the area, Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis said.

Mitsotakis told reporters Friday that a defense agreement to govern the future status and operation of American military bases in Greece in exchange for U.S. military aid will be signed late in March or early April.

Talks are being held in Athens on an agreement between the two countries to ensure the continued operation of four major U.S. bases and several minor installations in Greece. Mitsotakis said that Greece had submitted five letters on the terms of the agreement to the United States, three of which covered its military aspects.

The other two were concerned with "the political aspects such as the balance of power in the Aegean which Greece wants maintained at the present ratio of seven to ten in favor of Turkey and the guaranteeing by the United States of the security of Greece's borders in the Aegean," he said.

In an unrelated development, West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher flies to Washington Sunday intent on urging a speedy resumption of U.S.-Soviet arms talks to help end the chill between East and West. His top is seen here as providing a key chance to ensure that Bonn's views are taken into account by the Reagan administration as it decides policy options and weighs Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's proposal for a summit meeting.

Genscher and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met with Reagan soon after his November election victory, but the talks next Monday and Tuesday mark the first such contacts since the president took power.

West German officials said Genscher's meetings with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, President Reagan and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will range widely over world issues, although East-West relations and NATO policy will form the focus. Bonn is clearly wary of the tough Reagan stance against Moscow, and in comments before his trip Genscher has stressed Washington assurances that the United States still favors a dialogue.

In a press statement issued Friday, the foreign minister said that West Germany welcomed the U.S. and Soviet readiness to intensify talks on disarmament.

After gun battle Helicopter escapee arrested in Paris

PARIS, March 7 (AP) — Gerard Dupre, a dangerous French criminal who escaped from a Paris prison in a hijacked helicopter last month, was arrested Friday night after a gun battle in a city street. Police said Dupre was wounded several times and one police officer was wounded.

With Dupre, 33, police arrested Andre Prebert, also 33, a known criminal, and a woman friend who police said had been watched 24 hours a day following the escape. Some reports said Prebert was also wounded in the short but intense exchange of shots with the police anti-gang squad.

Dupre and Daniel Beaumont, 41, both jailed for armed robberies, were snatched from a football field in the Fleury Merogis



HELICOPTER PILOT: Andre Fourcade, who was forced by two persons to snatch two criminals from the prison soccer field at Fleury-Merogis, near Paris.

high security prison south of Paris Feb. 27. Two men who had hired a helicopter forced the pilot, Andre Fourcade, at gunpoint, and with a false threat his family was in danger, to land in the prison, pick up the men, and drop them at the city limits.

By chance, the pilot had worked on helicopter escape films including *breakout*. Late Friday evening, police were looking for a car in the Paris area thought to be driven by Beaumont.

Police said Dupre and his accomplices had been under observation for days before it was decided to move in. Police blocked both ends of a small street with cars and as they moved to arrest Dupre, were fired on and immediately returned the shots.

Till 1983 election Sotelo intends to stay in office

MADRID, March 7 (R) — Spain's Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo has said his government would stay in power until 1983 and would not rule under military threat after last month's abortive coup. Calvo Sotelo, giving his first news conference since he formed his cabinet last week, said the abortive coup was planned by a minority in the armed forces.

He said Friday Spanish democracy had been strengthened by the reaction of the government, political parties and public opinion. Calvo Sotelo said he intended to stay in office until the next general election in 1983 and would not rule under a military threat. "I think I am the prime minister of a watchful democracy rather than a democracy watched over."

The cabinet was viewing steps to fight Basque separatist guerrillas and there would be no negotiations with them, he said. But he ruled out any army intervention in the troubled Basque country.

Meanwhile, Gen. Alfonso Armada, of the Spanish division, arrested following the recent attempted coup, has been dismissed as secretary of the supreme armed forces council by the Defense Minister the army announced Friday. He will be replaced by Miguel Fontela, the army said.

Gen. Armada was arrested following a military investigation into the storming of the Spanish parliament on Feb. 23 by about 200 armed civil guards.

In an unrelated development, Spain Friday declared a Soviet diplomat persona non grata and gave the embassy attaché, Vladimir Illich Efremencov, 24 hours to leave the country. Spain's move was announced at the end of Friday's cabinet meeting. It said the attaché had indulged in activities "incompatible with his diplomatic status and contrary to the security of the state."



Spanish Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo

Violence breaks out in South African town

RUSTENBURG, March 7 (AP) — A black man was killed and several others hurt in this South African town, 70 kms. from Pretoria, Friday night during a stone-throwing incident that followed a police crackdown on "pirate taxis," the South African Press Association (SAPA) reported.

It was not immediately clear exactly what triggered the incident, but in several other incidents in this white-minority ruled country violence has followed police arrests of illegal taxi drivers. In most of these cases the drivers were accused of helping black boycotts of municipal bus services.

SAPA said the fatality occurred when a black jumped from a bus that was being stoned by blacks and was crushed under its wheels. Another black man was seriously injured in a hit-and-run accident during the incident, SAPA said. A third man was shot and wounded by a policeman, but was not seriously injured, police said.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Ronald Reagan said Friday he would nominate Charles Z. Wick, a long-time friend and co-chairman of the 1981 presidential inaugural committee, to be director of the International Communication Agency.

JAKARTA, (AFP) — Indonesian medical authorities have planned open heart surgery, with the help of a team of American specialists, on an unprecedented 120 patients here, free of charge. The 120 have registered with the Dewi Sartikakvi Heart Foundation, set up in 1974 to help especially the underprivileged overcome heart ailments and undergo surgery at minimum cost.

PETALING JAYA, (AFP) — Malaysian doctors have successfully separated a pair of Siamese twins, joined at the abdomen, in what is believed to be the first such operation

in southeast Asia. A team of 12 physicians took over 10 hours to complete the operation here Thursday. The twin girls were born seven months ago in Ipoh.

ATLANTA, (AFP) — The body of a 13-year-old black boy was found Friday in an Atlanta suburb, bringing the number of black children killed around this southern United States city to 20 in the past 19 months. One other child still was listed as missing.

CHICAGO, (R) — A carpenter working inside a shutdown nuclear reactor at the Dresden power plant outside Chicago suffered overexposure from radiation, officials said Friday. The officials of Commonwealth Edison, which operates the plant, blamed the mishap on a faulty instrument giving a false reading of the radioactivity level.

Six Americans flown to Kenya from Maputo

JOHANNESBURG, March 7 (AP) — Six Americans expelled from Mozambique for alleged espionage have flown to Kenya accompanied by seven relatives as the Marxist government of Mozambique sharply criticized the U.S. version of the affair, a South African newspaper reported.

The Rand Daily Mail of Johannesburg said the Americans, including four diplomats assigned to the embassy in Maputo, flew to Nairobi in a Royal Swazi Airlines Fokker F28. The Mail said the Americans boarded a non-stop flight Friday at Manzini, Swaziland.

It was believed the Americans would continue on immediately to the United States. Mozambique, meanwhile, accused the U.S. State Department of trying to depict the southeastern African nation as a "satellite of

Cuba" and of using a "dose of racism" in presenting the American side of the story.

The official Mozambican news agency, AIM, quoted a senior government official as saying that the State Department's claim of "Cuban and private American involvement" in the expulsions was intended to convey that Mozambicans were themselves incapable of exposing the alleged spy ring. "That's racist," the official was quoted as saying in the AIM report monitored here.

The State Department said it was no coincidence that the expulsion orders, issued Wednesday, followed the arrival in Mozambique of a top-level Cuban counter-intelligence team and a visit by a group of Americans who aim to expose U.S. intelligence agents around the world.

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Call to implement Mecca declaration

By Muhammad S. Jaber
Gulf Bureau

KUWAIT, March 7 — Representatives of 25 Islamic countries, members of Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Commodity Exchange, called upon their countries to put into prompt application all decisions and recommendations adopted by the Third Islamic Conference held in Mecca last January, in particular those decisions concerning the economic boycott of Israel by Islamic countries.

Crown prince and prime minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, inaugurated the three-day general assembly meeting. His attending was considered, by some observers, as a proof of the important role envisaged for the chamber in the future cooperation between Islamic countries. In his inaugural speech the prime minister of Kuwait tackled the issue of setting up the "Gulf cooperation council" which was announced recently by six peninsular states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. The prime minister denied all reports that consider the council as a new pact in the region.

"The council was an attempt to organize the existing cooperation of member countries to enable them to protect their legitimate interests, and to coordinate their participation in the welfare of humanity", the prime minister added.

The second assembly of "ICCE" which concluded its meetings in Kuwait Jan.19 discussed major issues in the field of Islamic cooperation. "The Islamic Chamber of Commerce would soon turn out to be the Islamic commercial world's major center of activities" the chairman of Saudi Arabia Chamber of Commerce, Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, predicted. The chamber had already embarked on studies to set up Islamic re-insurance corporation, the idea was presented by Bangladesh delegation, "to liberate the Islamic countries trade from the clutches of the Western re-insurance monopolies".

Other issues discussed during the general assembly meeting was the creation of Islamic shipping company, and growing food products in Islamic countries.

The assembly discussed extensively the formation of an Islamic common market, but the delegates noted that the subject would be discussed during the seventh Islamic Commission on Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Conference, then the chamber's general assembly decided to follow up the matter jointly with the OIC.

The chamber is now operating on a \$220,880 annual budget and a permanent premises of its own would be constructed in Karachi, Pakistan, which donated a site of 5,000 sq.ft. for that purpose.



ISLAMIC CHAMBER MEETING: Crown prince and prime minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, addressing the general assembly meeting of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Commodity Exchange in Kuwait recently.

Japanese car imports

Reagan team split over curbs

WASHINGTON, March 7 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has said a decision on whether to restrict Japanese car imports would depend on a meeting next week with his special task force studying the major financial problems of domestic car makers.

Two bills have been submitted in Congress that would severely limit car imports from Japan. The Reagan cabinet is reported to be split over whether restrictions are needed. "We haven't reached a decision on this," Reagan told a press conference.

Meanwhile, U.S. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis said that if the United States decided to seek a negotiated reduction in Japanese car imports, it would expect concessions from the United Auto Workers' Union (UAW).

Lewis heads an administration task force which will make recommendations to the president on the issue. Japan is exporting cars to the United States at an annual rate of 1.9 million, and cuts under discussion could reduce this to 1.4 to 1.6 million.

Lewis told reporters after a meeting with Reagan and eight governors from industrial states he favored a negotiated and voluntary reduction by the Japanese rather than imposition of a quota.

He said if Japan agreed to a voluntary cut-back, he hoped U.S. companies would not raise prices simply as a reflection of increased

demand for their products. Meanwhile, the *Washington Post* said Friday that three known supporters of import limitations were Drew Lewis, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan.

Seven Republican governors, including Ted Milliken of Michigan, the state hardest hit by the decline in the U.S. car industry, would ask President Reagan to move immediately to negotiating a voluntary trade agreement with Japan, the *Post* said.

Three new executives of Exxon Corp. named

By Cynthia Stanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, March 7 — Exxon Corporation recently announced three executive appointments, Robert N. Dolph, president of Esso Middle East and a vice-president of Exxon International Company and a vice-president of Exxon Corporation has been named president of Exxon International Company, effective April 1. He will succeed Terry A. Kirkley, who will become executive vice-president of Exxon USA and a member of its management committee. Also April 1, Weldon D. Kruger executive vice-president of Esso Middle East, will succeed Dolph as president of Esso Middle East and has been elected vice-president of the corporation.

Wall Street

Anti-inflation steps yield gains

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP) — Skeptics might dismiss it as wishful thinking, but increasing numbers of Wall Street analysts are talking hopefully these days of some progress in the battle against U.S. inflation.

Some use the word "deflation," others prefer the more cumbersome term "disinflation," because deflation has some nasty connotations in the minds of many people with long memories.

"It conjures up images of breadlines and grainy films of somber men outside the doors of closed banks," observes Raymond F. Devoe Jr., an analyst at Bruns, Nordeman, Rea and Co., recalling the United States' last major experience with deflation in the great depression of the 1930s.

Prices came down during that period, but the news was cold comfort indeed to millions of people whose money and jobs were gone.

Whatever name one puts on it, there is scant statistical evidence of any reversal of the inflationary tide just yet. Friday, the U.S. government reported that producer prices of finished goods rose 0.8 per cent in February, after a January increase of 0.9 per cent.

The figures suggested a little moderation, maybe, from last year's intense inflationary pressures, but still a pace at or close to the two-digit level.

The stock market, meanwhile, has yet to display any real "disinflation" Euphoria. In

the past week, the Dow Jones Average of industrials dropped 9.96 to 964.62, unable to follow through on the previous week's 38.49-point gain.

The New York exchange composite index was down .67 to 74.46, and the American stock exchange market value index dropped 2.28 to 336.66.

Even if they are only straws in the wind at the moment, Edward Yardeni, economist at the brokerage firm of E.F. Hutton and Co. says there are several indications that the recent high level of interest rates is having some braking effect on inflation.

Commodity prices have fallen, in some cases sharply, since late last year, and even the rise of home prices has slowed.

Also, he says, "auto rebates in February and March suggest that the auto maker would rather cut costs than accept lower sales."

Still another point to consider: The dollar rise of late against many foreign currencies. "A strong dollar tends to lower the dollar price of U.S. imports," Yardeni maintains. "The prices of U.S. products that compete with imports, therefore, tend to come under downward pressure."

Devoe, for his part, concedes that a decline in commodity prices, which often is volatile, might be viewed as only temporary. But he says there are other, longer-term trends at work as well.

Poland's demand creates dilemma for bankers

LONDON, March 7 (R) — Poland's request to renew \$3.1 billion of debt due this year has created a dilemma for international bankers, but they will probably respond positively, financial sources have said Friday.

Poland already owes the West around \$25 billion and all the evidence suggests that industrial unrest and a weakened economy will make it difficult for Warsaw to meet its financial obligations in the immediate future.

The Western business community showed little surprise Friday when Jan Woloszyn, vice-president of Poland's Handlowy Bank, asked for \$3.1 billion of bank debt falling due this year to be rescheduled as part of a \$10.9 billion package that Warsaw needs to cover its 1980 liabilities.

Initial reaction from the banks was cautious, but if only to protect their previous loans, they are expected to agree to Warsaw's latest request, although it may take time to work out the terms, economic analysts here say.

The logic behind their thinking is that without short-term relief, Poland will not get breathing space for a harder look at it to pay off its debts, the analysts said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

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Deutsche Mark (100)	158.00	158.50	157.2
Dutch Guilder (100)	143.00	—	142.7
Egyptian Pound	—	4.15	4.2
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	91.15	91.4
French Franc (100)	67.00	68.00	67.1
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.50	65.2
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.0
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Lira (100)	—	8.55	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	52.00	33.50	32.2
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	—	16.2
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	3rd phase Mecca/Medina Expressway (Taima-Ai-Akhu) at 56.7 kms.	—	—	—
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	5th phase Ai-Statelha-Ai-Subim at 56 kms.	—	—	—
	6th Ai-Subim/Ai-Oudheima at 72 kms	—	—	25.5.81
	7th Ai-Oudheima/Asan at 61 kms.	—	—	—
	8th phase Asan/Ai-Jomom at 33 kms	—	—	26.5.81
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Canadian sanctions against Iran lifted

OTTAWA, March 7 (R) — Canada lifted political and economic sanctions against Iran, the external affairs ministry said.

But it said Friday the Canadian embassy in Tehran would not be reopened until the government had reviewed the safety of Canadian staff who would return to Iran.

The ministry said Canada's decision followed the freeing of U.S. hostages January 20 and the acceptance by President Reagan of the agreement for their release worked out with Iran by former President Carter.

Meanwhile in Washington, in what could become a constitutional test case the justice department asked a judge Friday to dismiss a Boston engineering firm's suit challenging the legality of the U.S.-Iranian hostage settlement.

The motion to dismiss was filed in U.S. district court in Boston, where district judge Andrew Caffrey has before him a suit by Chas. T. Main International Inc., one of the United States' 10 largest engineering companies.

The firm filed suit Feb. 4 asking the court to declare unconstitutional the agreements made with Iran by former President Carter and ratified by President Ronald Reagan. It sought a temporary restraining order to block the transfer of Iranian funds in this country to Iran under those agreements, but judge Caffrey has declined to issue such an order.

The firm is seeking \$2.8 million from the Iranian government for design work it completed on a planned hydroelectric project in the Khuzistan region of Iran. The project was scrapped following the downfall of the Shah.

After President Jimmy Carter froze Iranian assets in this country, the firm obtained a treasury department license to file a court action attaching some of those assets.

IMF rules out going back to gold standard

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 7 (AP) — The world money system, based on floating currency rates, will not return to the gold standard, an official of the International Monetary Fund has said.

Stephen A. Silard, assistant general counsel of the 141-member organization, said the fund's former system of tying currencies to a fixed value based on gold fell apart in the 1970s, after the dollar was devaluated.

"I see no prospect of its return to the international monetary system," Silard said in an address to the City Club.

The Hungarian-born lawyer, now a U.S. citizen, is in charge of the fund's legal work in Africa. The fund, established in 1944 during a United Nations monetary conference, began operating in 1947.

Members include the United States, China, all the Western industrialized and OPEC countries, Vietnam and many underdeveloped nations. The Soviet Union, Switzerland and all Soviet bloc nations, except Yugoslavia and Romania, do not belong.

Currencies of IMF members now are tied to what is called a special drawing right, the principle reserve asset of the fund. The SDR is based on currencies of the United States, France, the United Kingdom, West Germany and Japan and on percentages of the five currency values. All other currencies are expressed in relation to SDR.

According to Silard, gold continues to be a reserve asset of the fund, but the fund won't use it in transactions with member countries. The metal's volatility in private markets sends its value far above its official price of 35 SDR per ounce, or \$40-45, he said.

"With the very instability of gold prices in the private market you see the price shoot up — to above \$800 an ounce and now around \$460," he said. "Who knows what it will be tomorrow?"

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Civil servants poised for strike in U.K.

LONDON, March 7 (AFP) — For the first time since the World War II all of Britain's public services will be hit by a 24-hour strike by 500,000 civil servants Monday.

Senior officials in several ministries are hesitating over whether to take part, but nearly all employees of public services and local government have said they will respond to the call by nine unions to protest against a seven per cent pay rise limit imposed by the government.

The unions are demanding 15 per cent, which is roughly in line with the rate of inflation in Britain over the last 12 months.

Union officials have said that all courts, whether criminal, civil or administrative, will be closed. Social security services, benefit payment centers and tax offices will be unable to open and hospitals will provide a limited service.

Museums will be closed and employees of nationalized firms as well as driving school instructors will stay away from work.

Ships docked in nationalized ports will be unable to load or unload and all civil aircraft will be grounded as air traffic controllers join the strike.

U.S. unemployment declines

WASHINGTON, March 7 (R) — The U.S. government has said that inflation and unemployment eased slightly in February, but said there were signs that the trend might be short-lived.

The Labor Department announced Friday that wholesale prices rose 0.8 per cent last month, down slightly from January's 0.9 per cent increase, while the unemployment rate slipped a notch to 7.3 per cent from 7.4 per cent in January.

The report said the latest round of price rises by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and President Reagan's decision to end price controls on domestic oil had led to a 20 per cent rise in energy prices.

Food prices fell, helping to offset the higher energy prices, but some economists have said that food prices should begin to rise again next month.

The Labor Department said wholesale prices were up 10.4 per cent over last year.

The Labor Department's seasonally adjusted producer price index for finished goods — down slightly from January's 0.9 per cent — translates into about a 10 per cent annual inflation rate. The 7.3 per cent unemployment rate for February followed two months of 7.4 per cent reports and ended a

Prices rise

nine-month stretch in which the rate had hovered between 6.5 per cent and 7.7 per cent.

However, the decline one-tenth of a percentage point is considered statistically insignificant by the Labor Department, which released both reports Friday.

Consumer prices at the retail level rose by 0.7 per cent in January. The government's cost of living report for February is due March 24.

Japanese firm seeks tie-up with U.K. unit

TOKYO, March 7 (AFP) — Honda Motor Co., the world's foremost motorcycle maker, Saturday officially announced that it is considering entering into a financial linkup with British Leyland at the request of British government.

A Honda spokesman said the company had appointed a working group to investigate the form of possible capital participation in the deficit-ridden British state-run automobile maker.

The two firms are already cooperating, as the Japanese motorcycle and auto maker granted British Leyland a production license for its Ballad model small cars in Dec. 1979.

\$180m sales recorded by Taipei firm

TAIPEI, March 7 (CNA) — RCA Taiwan Limited retained its last year as the No. 1 exporter in the Republic of China with its export sales reaching \$180 million, according to the Board of Foreign Trade.

Based on calculation on a foreign-exchange settlement, RCA Taiwan headed the export list in 1979 with its sales totaling \$163 million.

In 1980, six local manufacturers scored exports to more than \$100 million. The five others were Nan Ya Plastics, flagship of the Formosa Plastics Group, Far Eastern Textile Ltd., Tai Yuen Co. and Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp., and Chung Textile Co., two newcomers in the group of \$100 million exporter list.

Nan Ya inched up one notch to become the second largest exporter. It recorded exports of some \$140 million, about the same figure as in 1979.

Far Eastern, leading textile exporter, dropped one rank to third place. Exports last year dipped to \$130 million, compared to 1979's \$140 million.

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Narrow win for Pacers

76ers give Nuggets a thrashing

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP) — Julius Erving scored 26 points to lead nine Philadelphia players in double figures as the 76ers clobbered the Denver Nuggets 131-112 Friday night.

That victory, combined with the Indiana Pacers' 110-104 decision over the Boston Celtics, gave Philadelphia a one-game lead over Boston in their battle for the Atlantic Division title and the best overall record in the National Basketball Association.

Erving agreed that the easy victory over Denver was much needed by Philadelphia, which had only split its previous 10 games in its poorest stretch of the season.

"With so many players scoring in double figures," said Erving, "it made the task a lot easier and relieved a lot of the pressure that was reflected in our team effort."

The 76ers went ahead to stay 23-22 on Caldwell Jones' fast-break layup with 3:41 left in the first quarter. Philadelphia led 72-65 at halftime and drew away in the second half.

Lionel Hollins had 20 points for Philadelphia and Maurice Cheeks, Steve Mix and Darryl Dawkins added 14 apiece. Denver's David Thompson led all scorers with 34 points.

Indiana Pacers 110, Boston Celtics 104: Indiana center James Edwards, scoreless in the first three quarters, got eight points in the final period and six in the last 4 1/2 minutes to seal Indiana's victory. Billy Knight had a game-high 32 points for Indiana, which outscored Boston 14-6 down the stretch.

Indiana, which had lost two in a row, now trails New York by four games in their race for the home-court advantage in the first-round playoff series between the two teams.

Milwaukee Bucks 122, New York Knicks 111: Reserve forward junior Bridgeman, playing 41 minutes because all-star Marques Johnson missed the game with the flu, scored 34 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Milwaukee to its sixth straight victory. Reserve guard Brian Winters added 25 points, including 11 in the final period, for the Bucks.

Atlanta Hawks 109, New Jersey Nets 106: Dan Roundfield scored 24 points, half of them from the foul line, and Eddie Johnson added 20 as Atlanta handed New Jersey its seventh loss in a row. It was the third victory in the last four games for the Hawks, keeping their slim playoff hopes alive.

Washington Bullets 105, Houston Rockets 104: Miltih Kupchak sank four free throws in the closing seconds to help the Bullets to a big road victory. Greg Ballard was high scorer with 24 points for Washington, which trails Chicago by two games in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Phoenix Suns 128, Portland Trail Blazers 107: Guard Walter Davis scored 29 points and seven other Suns scored in double figures

as Phoenix breezed to its 53rd win of the season. The Suns broke the game open by outscoring Portland 35-19 in the third period.

San Diego Clippers 140, Cleveland Cavaliers 125: San Diego outscored Cleveland 13-2 to start the third quarter, erasing a 64-63 halftime deficit, and went on to its highest-scoring game of the season. Guards Freeman Williams and Phil Smith scored 26 and 23 points, respectively, for the Clippers, who sent Cleveland to its sixth consecutive defeat.

Golden State Warriors 115, Dallas

Mavericks 109: Bernard King scored 22 of his 28 points in the second half as Golden State turned back a Dallas rally in which the Mavericks had cut a 17-point deficit to four with 5:40 to play. Joe Barry Carroll added 26 points and Purvis Short 24 for the Warriors.

Seattle SuperSonics 102, San Antonio Spurs 94: Fred Brown and Jack Sikma combined for 22 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 25 points apiece as Seattle wiped out an early 17-point deficit and beat San Antonio, which made just 12 of 25 field goal attempts in the final period.

Davis Cup round-up

Argentina struggles

LONDON, March 7 (R) — First round day contests in the reshaped Davis Cup produced some titanic tennis with the top seeds, Argentina struggling back to parity against West Germany. The Australians, seeded joint third, were also struggled to one-one at the end of the day in France.

But Czechoslovakia, the holders, made short work of their Swiss hosts in Zurich. Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid both won in straight sets to make it 2-0.

In Munich Uli Pinner fought back from two sets down against Argentine Jose-Luis Clerc to win 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1. Clerc's compatriot Guillermo Vilas predictably restored the balance with a 6-2, 6-3, 8-6 victory over Rolf Gehring.

In Lyons, Peter McNamara survived a marathon match to beat Yannick Noah 4-6, 8-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 and give Australia a boost against France. But Pascal Portes exacted revenge with a 4-6, 6-2, 9-7, 6-4 win over Kim Warwick.

In Carlsbad, John McEnroe gave the

United States a 1-0 lead over Mexico when he beat Jorge Lozano, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

In Brighton, Buster Mottram, the British no.1 player, upset Italy's Adriano Panatta 9-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. In the second singles, Richard Lewis, 26, playing his first singles for Britain since 1978, meets Corrado Barazzutti.

In Bogota, Colombia and Chile were level 1-1. Colombia's Jairo Velasco beat Ricardo Acuna 4-6, 3-6, 15-13, 6-4, 6-1 while Hans Gildemegebe (Chile) beat Alejandro Cortes 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

In Bucharest, Romania and Brazil were tied 1-1. Romania's Florin Segarceanu beat Carlos Kirmayr 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2, and Brazil's Thomas Koch downed Andrei Dyrzu 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

In Seoul, New Zealand clinched a berth in the second round winning the second day doubles against South Korea. Chris Lewis and Russel Simpson downed Jeon Chang-Dae and Kim Bong-Soo 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to give them an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

Dallah Avco strengthens title-bid

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 7 — While Dallah Avco continued its steady progress towards the league title with a splendid 3-0 win over Saudia, nearest challengers Whittaker may have earned a reprieve from disaster when their match against Lockheed was abandoned one minute from time with Whittaker trailing by 2 goals to one.

Only "may have", though. The start of the match was delayed to such an extent that the second half overran the scheduling on the automatic timing device for the pitch floodlights, causing a blackout just before the final whistle. League secretary Peter Dixon will be asking team managers for a concensus opinion and a decision will be made as soon as possible.

However, Dallah continue to impress their

form and only persistent off-side intrusions stopped them from a more impressive score against third-placed Saudia. Dallah were held goalless in the first half, but their controlled first-time passing and good movement off the ball gained its reward in the second half. Saudia missed a penalty but eventually Dallah gained revenge for the 0-2 defeat in November. As predicted last week, Hochtief turned on a sound performance to halt Asmara's comeback, a second half winner giving them 2-1 victory.

In Second Division action the vital promotion clash between NJIA and Zahid failed to materialize when Zahid failed to materialize, so forfeiting the match. NJIA stay on top with 14 points from nine matches but are hard pressed by Toyota who handed out an 11-1

Nastase bows to Buehning

DENVER, March 7 (AP) — Sixth-seeded Fritz Buehning eliminated Ilie Nastase from the \$125,000 United Bank Tennis Classic here Friday night, beating the bot-headed Romanian 6-4, 7-6, (8-6) in a much quieter game than Nastase's two previous matches.

Nastase bowed out of the tourney — a stop of the Volvo Grand Prix tour — with a total of 3,750 dollars on fines, just more than his take-home check. Nastase was fined for a shoving match with his first round opponent and for calling the umpire a "fat pig" in the second round.

In another third-round match, defending champion and no. 1 seed Gene Mayer advanced to the semifinals by defeating unseeded Bruce Manson 6-4, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Bill Scanlon won a 7-5 tiebreaker to defeat Eddie Dibbs 7-5, 7-6, Friday to score his third straight upset in the \$200,000 world Championship Tennis Invitational in Maryland.

Vijay Amritraj defeated Harold Solomon 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, in another fourth-round match. Brian Teacher defeated Manuel Orantes 7-6, 6-0 in the last match of the evening.

Scanlon, who entered the tournament Wednesday after replacing the injured Eliot Teltscher, now has a 3-1 record and is tied for first-place with Dibbs.

Bellman is champion

HARTFORD, Connecticut, March 7 (AFP) — European champion Denise Bellman of Switzerland Friday night became world figure skating champion.

The 19-year-old — one of the most outstanding free skaters in recent years — was poised to take the title after finishing second in the short program behind Claudia Kristofics-Binder of Austria. She sailed to victory over the Austrian in the free skating with a series of her famous pirouettes.

thrashing to Whittaker Villa and moved to 13 points from 8 matches. Toyota play Al Hada this Tuesday (March 10) and then NJIA next week (March 16) in what will be vital promotion clashes for all three teams.

J & P moved clear in the Third Division after taking two points from IAL with a 5-0 win. The score was flattering for J & P who survived a penalty and conceded a lot of possession to IAL but the latter squandered their chances. NJIA slipped to second place as A.S.T. held them to a 1-1 draw. A.S.T. actually led until the closing minutes when NJIA fired a controversial equalizer to take a point.

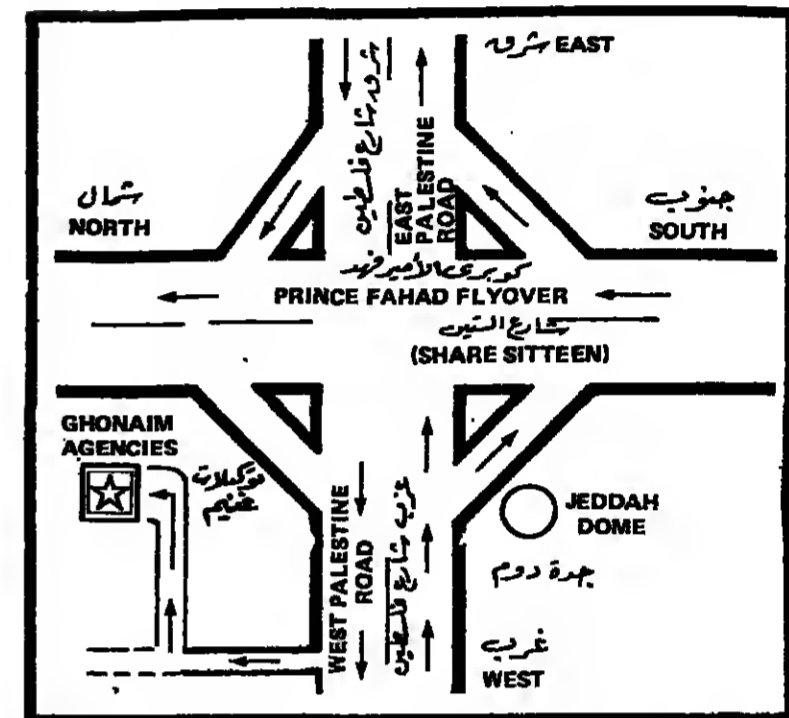
A.D.S. nearly took their first point, holding Sogex to 2-2 until the closing stages, but conceded a late goal, and stay bottom without a point from eight matches.



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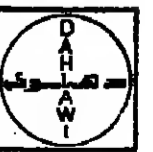
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Aguirre shines for Depaul

Marquette halts Stetson's winning run

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau
HOUSTON, March 7 — Mark Aguirre scored 24 points and Skip Dillard 21 to lead cond-ranked Depaul to an 84-64 victory over Dayton in College Basketball. It was the 11th straight triumph for the Blue Demons. Oliver Lee scored 18 points and freshman Glenn Rivers added 15, sending Marquette to a 91-58 victory over Stetson and breaking a batters' 19-game winning streak. The win

kept alive Marquette's chance for a 11th consecutive berth in the NCAA tournament. In the Trans-America Tournament, senior center Frederick Piper fired in 21 points to lead Northwestern Louisiana past Hard' in Simmons 91-88 in a first round game. In an earlier Trans-America game, Steve Barker scored 17 points to lift Samford past Georgia Southern 73-57. Florida capitalized on two straight turnovers in overtime and took the lead for good on

a layup by Ronnie Williams with 1:18 remaining to edge Auburn 50-48 in a first round Southeastern game. Vanderbilt, led by Al Miller who scored 14 first-half points, surged to a big lead, blew most of it and then pulled away again to defeat Mississippi State 71-58. Florida, whipping Auburn for the third time this season, advanced to a quarterfinal match with Conference champion Louisiana State, the nation's number three-ranked

power. Vanderbilt tangles with seventh-ranked Kentucky, the second runner-up. Several things have been happening in Major-League Baseball spring training camps this week. Dennis Leonard, whose 75 victories the past four years are more than that amassed by any other right-handed pitcher, says he will probably become a free agent unless the Kansas City Royals sign him before the end of spring training. "I don't know what I'm worth," said the 29-year-old Leonard, who is in the final year of a five-year contract that pays him \$180,000 a year. "I can just read where so-and-so is making \$600,000 a year. I look at what he's done and what I've done and I say, 'feez, if he's worth that, I'm probably worth more.'" Leonard was 20-11 in 1980 when the Royals won the American League pennant and has won at least 20 games in three of the past four seasons since 1975, only Baltimore's Jim Palmer and Philadelphia's Steve Carlton have won more games.



PEDALS TO GLORY: Knut Konden of Norway on his way to winning the Ruta D'Oro trophy in the Golden Wheel Cycling race held in Italy recently.

Carpenter offers Phillies for sale

Rain restricts play in Test

CHRISTCHURCH, March 7 (AP) — or weather allowed only 51 minutes play the second day of the second cricket Test between India and New Zealand at Lancaster Park Saturday, dimming India's chances of taking the series before the final Test in Auckland. Umpires John Hastie and David Kinsella fully abandoned the days play at 5 p.m. (local time). From the 12 overs bowled Saturday India's right batsmen, Dilip Vengsarkar and Indrapa Vishwanath, took only 6 runs during their overnight total of 168 for two overs to 174 without further loss. Vengsarkar moved his personal total from overnight to 36 while Vishwanath was two out at stumps.

said he was fed up with the bickering between professional baseball and its players. "It was one of the most difficult decisions the (Carpenter) family ever had to make," said Carpenter in a statement read to his players in their spring training camp locker room.

Carpenter declined to estimate what it would take to buy the Phillies, commenting only, "if he (a purchaser) has to ask how much, he can't afford it."

In recent sales, the New York Mets went for an estimated \$21 million, the Seattle Mariners for 10 million, the Oakland A's for 12 million, and the Chicago White Sox for 20 million.

The Phillies are one of the most valued franchises in baseball, drawing in excess of 3.7 million fans over the past few seasons. The club also reportedly has one of the top three highest payrolls.

Ironically, Carpenter's decision to unload the club came some five months after the Phillies won the National League pennant.

"The primary reason for the decision to sell is that it has become apparent to me that some deeply ingrained philosophical differ-

ences exist between the Carpenter family and some of the other owners as to how the baseball business should be conducted," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said in his statement that he and his family endorsed the position taken by management in the most recent battle with the Players' Association over the issue of player compensation for a free agent, a player who plays out his contract to sign with another club.

The club owners want an established player as compensation in the event they lose a player in the free agent draft. They have offered the Players' Association a plan whereby 15 players would be protected on each team's 40-man roster and the compensating player would come from the remaining 25.

The players have rejected the plan and threatened to strike May 29 unless it is junked or a satisfactory compromise reached.

Carpenter said the re-entry draft of 1980 was "the final nail in the coffin." He said he had hoped the owners would see the light and stop the multimillion dollar bidding for free agents.

One week into spring training, Tom Seaver knows it's too early to tell whether his off-season conditioning program helped insulate his pitching arm from the effects of aging. But the three-time young award winner is certain of one thing that workouts have brought: "I feel horrible, miserable," Seaver said working out at the Cincinnati Reds training camp. "I'm stiff and sore. I guess I'm 36-year-old or something. When I got here, I felt just great. But you feel this way until you get into shape. It will work itself out."

Free-agent catcher Carlton Fisk, apparently nearing a contract decision, left his new Hampshire home to fly to San Diego and meet his agent Jerry Kupstein. Fisk was expected to meet several teams and talk with others. With spring training already underway it seems certain that Fisk will be signing within the next week.

India are already one down in the three Test series after losing the first Test to New Zealand by 62 runs in Wellington last week. Captain Sunil Gavaskar would obviously like to take advantage of the placid Lancaster Park strip to square things, before the last Test in Auckland.

His side has the batting credentials to slog such a pitch but with further rain falling and the consequent possibility of the series of further play a draw is becoming most probable.

Only a dramatic Indian middle-order collapse or a similar failure of New Zealand's batting Sunday would make a result a likelihood.

Much of the blame for this must be borne by India's batsmen — for the pedestrian batting made to their innings Friday and their determination to leave the field in only 168 runs.

A light appeal shortened play Friday by about a half hour and in the 276 minutes available Gavaskar and Chauhan had taken 168 runs.

Again Saturday Vengsarkar and the opening batsman Vishwanath took caution extremes, rarely attacking loose deliveries.

The only excitement of the day came in the 21st over when Vishwanath lived four consecutive lbw appeals. The three appeals were unanimous among New Zealand's close-in fieldsmen — the three reflected the desperation and frustration of the day.

Nicklaus drops to fifth place

AUDERHILL, Florida March 7 (AP) — Jerry Ziegler pulled away from suddenly ailing Jack Nicklaus with a 4-under-par round moved into a two-stroke lead Friday in the second round of the \$300,000 Ameri-Motors Inverrary Golf Classic.

Ziegler, a 15-year veteran who scored the 18th of his three PGA tour victories five years ago, made only one bogey in compiling a 133, 11 strokes under par on the Inverrary Club course.

Nicklaus, who shared the first round lead with Ziegler, dropped five shots back with a 73 in near-ideal playing conditions. That's eight shot higher than his opening effort in extremely difficult winds that gave him a 138 total.

Tommy Strange, a two-time winner last year, birdied all the par-5 holes and moved into second with a 67 and a 135 total. Tom Weir, who played the par-5's three-under for the second day in a row, and Tom Purtzer moved next at 137.

The group at 139 included veteran Charles Sorenson, former champion Bob Murphy and Bill Morgan. Morgan had a second round bogey 68 and Condy matched par 72.

Finns surge ahead

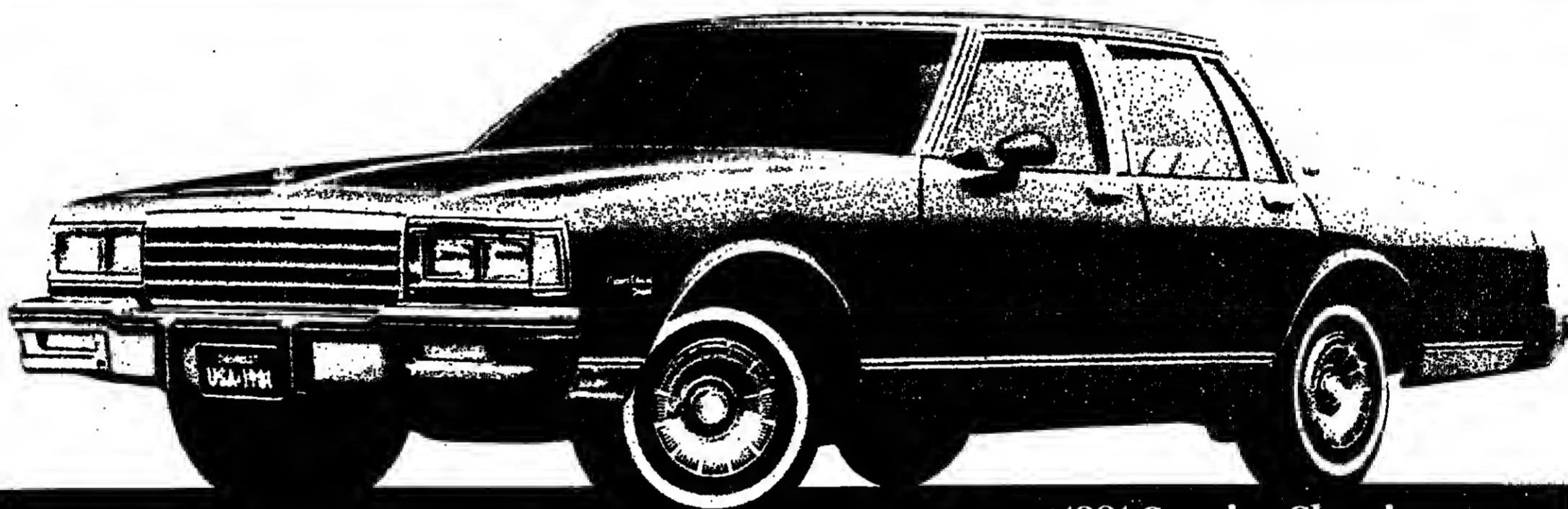
A REAL, Portugal March 7 (AP) — A spectacular turn of events, Finn Markku Miettinen surged ahead of the field in Portugal's 10th Port Wine Rally Friday with leaders Mikko and Ari Vatanen forced out by technical faults.

Miettinen placed Mikko, driving an Audi 4-door, and Arne Hertz, was first to fall in the 10th stage of events on the third stage of the rally. Miettinen, left behind with a split block on the competition's 26th heat at the famous Marao.

Miettinen shifted left fellow Finn Ari Vatanen in the 10th heat with Briton David Richards, at the head of the pack in their Ford Escort — but not for long. On the next heat, through Pinhao's, the duo left the road, written off for the remainder.

Miettinen left Alen, the star performer of the rally in command. Alen and co-pilot Ilka Kivimaki, at the wheel of a Fiat 131 Abarth, had earlier in the third stage to overtake another Swede, Henri Toivonen, in his Talbot Lotus.

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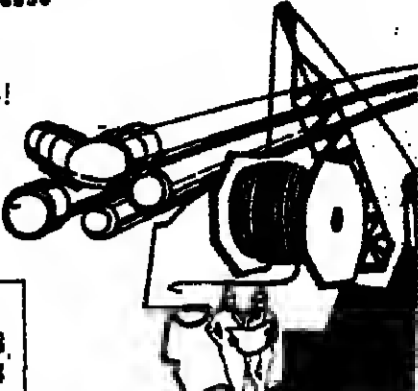
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Solidarity discusses strike

Poland cracks down on rebels

WARSAW, March 7 (AP) — Independent union leaders met behind closed doors here Saturday to discuss a new government crackdown on dissidents and a strike alert in a major industrial center that could unravel Poland's tenuous labor peace.

Since the detention of Jacek Kuron, who was not present at the meeting Saturday, police have tried to band a summons to another dissident union adviser and filed formal charges against four ultra-nationalist dissidents Friday.

Adam Michnik, who along with Kuron belongs to the Committee for Social Self-Defense (KOR), which advised Solidarity, refused the summons and was placed in the protective custody of a Solidarity "Workers' guard" in Wrocław where he had gone to meet students, a union spokesman said.

Iraqi missile hits Dezful

TEHRAN, March 7 (R) — An Iraqi missile hit the strategic Iranian city of Dezful Friday night, causing heavy damage but few casualties, the official Pars news agency reported Saturday. The rocket, said to have been nine-meters long and ground launched, knocked out telecommunications links from the city and damaged the police department, public library and a high school.

It said 68 Iraqis were killed when the Iraqis opened fire on enemy concentrations in the Susangard area of Khuzestan province. "Our troops also clashed with an enemy force in the same region, compelling it to retreat after losing 14 men," it added.

Walesa dispelled rumors that he was expected to meet with new Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who has called for 90 days of labor peace so that the government can restore the faltering economy and create order from the chaos that has troubled Poland since strikes erupted last July. Sources at the Solidarity meeting said it was not likely that Walesa would meet the premier Saturday.

Khieu leaves for N. Korea

BANGKOK, March 7 (AFP) — Proposals for a united anti-Vietnamese opposition front in Kampuchea, where the Vietnamese army backs the government, apparently begin to take shape Saturday as Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan left this Thai capital for Peking. He was presumed here to be going on from Peking to the North Korean capital Pyongyang, home-in-exile of former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk who made the proposal earlier this year.



SEIZED SHELLS: A Khmer Rouge guerrilla poses with mortar shells captured from Vietnamese troops near the Thai border recently.

The meeting of union leaders, came on a free Saturday, and most Warsaw streets were empty. But even the Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* admitted that there were rising tensions. It spoke of a "wave of heightened temperature of the socio-political life in the country" in an editorial critical of a planned student meeting Sunday to mark the 13th anniversary of student riots here.

Khieu Samphan was prime minister of the Khmer Rouge regime, which is engaged in guerrilla warfare against Vietnamese-backed forces in Kampuchea, and is still recognized by the U.N. General Assembly.

Sihanouk's invitation to leaders of Kampuchean resistance movements also included Son Sann, who heads the main non-Communist movement, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front. But Son Sann indicated Friday that he had not yet received direct and official notification of the proposals. He has said he is not anxious to join any alliance with the Khmer Rouge, widely accused of atrocities while in power.

Times editor bows out

LONDON, March 7 (AP) — William Rees-Mogg bowed out Saturday after 14 years as editor of *The Times* of London with an article in the newspaper that was headed *My Resignation of Liberty* and began "This is the last issue of *The Times* I shall edit."

Minister's brother kidnapped in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, March 7 (AP) — The brother of Interior Minister Donaldio Alvarez Ruiz has been kidnapped in the Guatemalan capital, official sources said. The sources, who asked anonymity, quoted witnesses as saying unidentified gunmen grabbed Bayardo Alvarez Ruiz as he was entering his car, parked outside the cancer research institute, where he works.

He said that after 14 years, under the "restraints of impartiality" imposed by the famous 190-year-old newspaper, he felt like the prisoners at the end of their term bursting out of their jail bouse with a song of joy on their lips.

Rees-Mogg, the son of an American-born actress, became editor of *The Times* in 1967. His successor as editor of the newspaper that ranks along with roast beef and cricket as a symbol to the rest of the world of all that is British is Harold Evans, editor of the *Times*'s weekly stablemate *The Sunday Times*.

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Chilean businessman seeks loan from Pahlavi

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Ecuador denies accord with Peru on border

QUITO, March 7 (R) — Ecuador said Friday night that no agreement had been reached with Peru in their border dispute. A statement from the presidency here criticized Peru for announcing earlier Friday an agreement on separation of their forces in the Condor mountain range, scene of two outbreaks of fighting last month.



ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATION: Salvadoran civilian soldiers who aided the army in combating the guerrillas on the Conchagua volcano, display home-made grenades Tuesday.

Salvadoran army claims victory over insurgents

SAN SALVADOR, March 7 (AP) — A country-insurgency operation that ended Friday morning in a northern town ended in an army victory over anti-government guerrillas and claimed 35 lives, some of them soldiers, military sources said. The operation was in San Antonio De Los Ranchos, 80 kms north of here, but there was no indication from the sources how many soldiers were killed or wounded, the army said.

The opposition drive to topple the government has claimed 16,000 lives since the junta was formed by leaders of the Oct. 15, 1979 coup that chased rightist President Carlos Humberto Romero from power. The government is challenged by extreme rightists and by guerrillas dominated by leftist leadership.

U.N. council to discuss S. Africa sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, March 7 (R) — The U.N. Security Council is expected to meet late next month in response to a call by the General Assembly for mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa for failing to grant independence to Namibia (Southwest Africa). There is widespread expectation that the sanctions bid will be blocked in the council by a Western veto, triggering a special emergency session of the assembly to take up the issue anew.

The request for economic measures was contained in two of 10 resolutions adopted by the assembly without a single negative vote at the end of a week-long debate Friday. It followed the failure of U.N. conference in Geneva in January aimed at launching an independence plan drafted three years ago by the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany. These five Western countries abstained on all the resolutions, which dealt with various aspects of the Namibia problem.

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